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Supt.

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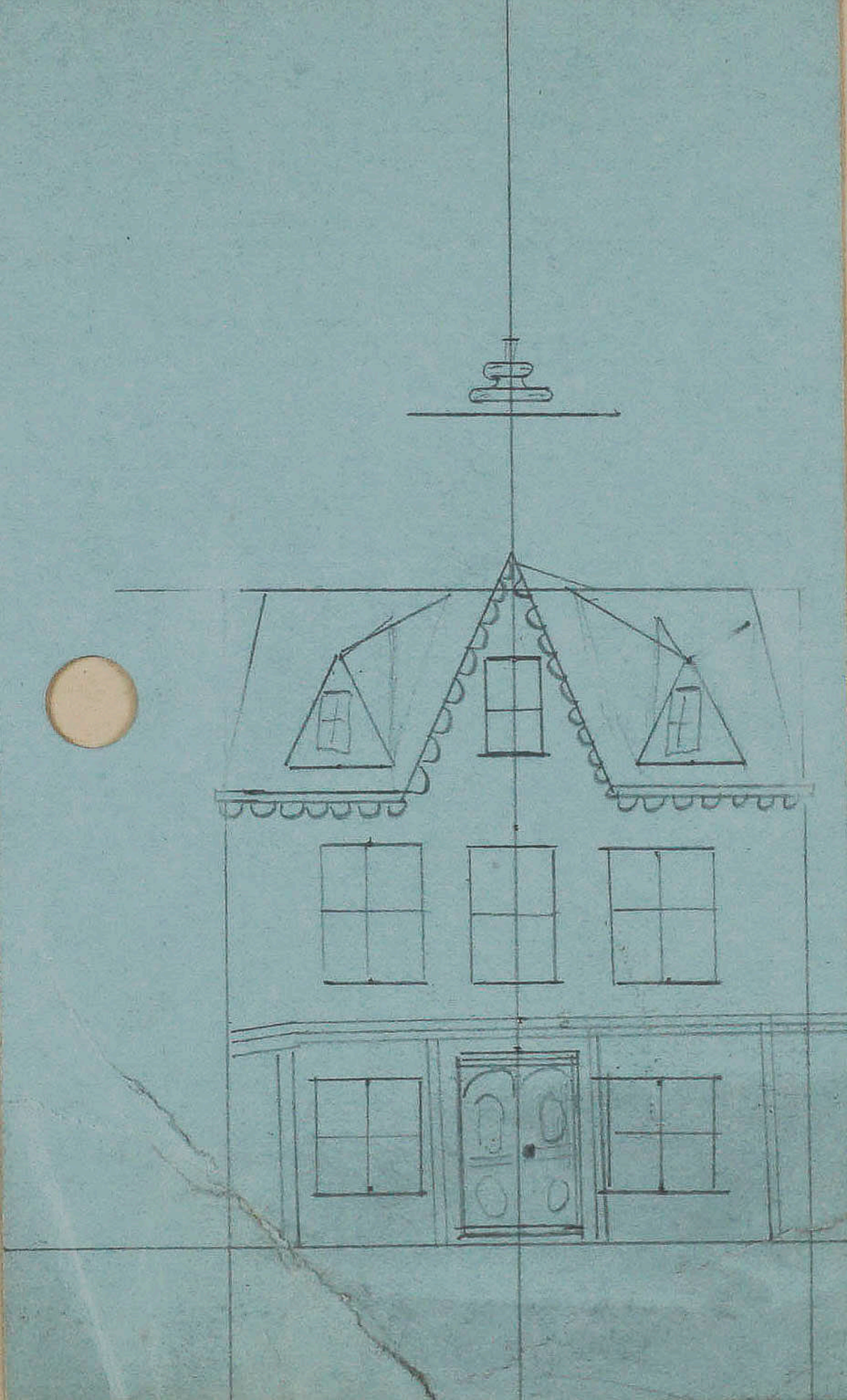

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

[illegible] Nov. 1885

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a letter from the Hon. John K. Valentine, United States District Attorney addressed to me under date 13th inst., touching the subject of the investigation of the bars of silver at the Mint, missing, prior to my administration.

Its contents so fully express the purpose that it is not necessary for me to reiterate

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Continued

Copy

Office of United States
District Attorney
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia November 13th

Daniel M. Fox Esq —
Superintendent of the Mint

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 11th inst., I have to state secret service operative Scanlan to-day informed me that owing to the want of funds at his disposal, he had been unable to make certain investigations that might be material in ascertaining by what means the missing bars of Silver at the Mint were obtained. I directed him to communicate with you at once [illegible] the assistance that he thought necessary in order that you might communicate with the

Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the matter.

The suggestion he made to me seemed to be important as to the means to be adopted for further investigation and I therefore directed him to communicate with you as above stated

Very respectfully
(Signed) John K. Valentine
U. S. Attorney

16: Novem: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 14th inst., ordering the Coinage of the available bullion, and such fractional silver coin as may have been transferred for recoinage, into dimes, without delay.

Of the preceding order for the Coinage of $40.000 in dimes, I have already $20,000.- ready for delivery and which may be drawn for at once. The other $20.000 I expect to have completed and ready for delivery in two or three days.

The order of the 14th will be proceeded

with as rapidly as possible

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James D. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

16: Nov: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Silver purchased here between Nov. 1st & 15th

Very respectfully
Your obed't Servant
Rob't M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16. Nov. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of Cornelius Callahan and Joseph Snoope, recently appointed Helpers in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm. Maris
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Nov 16th

Sir,

In reply to your request of 13th inst (H.M.H.) I have to state that the shipments of, and Express charges & cost of bagging on Standard Silver Dollars, forwarded from this Mint during the months of July, August, September and October 1885, were as follows - viz.

July	Shipped	$282.484	Bagging	$19.77	Express Charges	$526.08
August	"	165.000	"	11.55	"	195.89
Sept	"	312.998	"	21.90	"	435.62
Oct.	"	302.994	"	21.20	"	388.70
		$1.063.476.		$74.42		$1546.29

In the figures reported in my letter of the 2d inst. I discover that there was a transposition between the amounts stated as shipped in July and August of $1000 which I correct in this statement. I also make some slight changes in the cost of transportation, which

2 —

accruing on small vouchers of other months were taken up or left off the former statement
The bags for this coin, are manufactured in the Mint, and are estimated in the above statement at 7¢ each — No telegraphic matter is charged to this account —

Very Respectfully

Sup't

Hon C. N. Jordan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

LRB

Nov 16th. 5

Sir.

I enclose herewith a Statement of uncurrent Silver Coin received for recoinage, showing Face Value, Mint Value, and Loss on Same.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Statement of uncurrent Silver Coin received for recoinage.

Date recvd	From whom.	No. of Transfer Order	Tale Value.	Mint Value.	Loss.
Nov 5th	Treas. U.S. Washington	17940	1.899.08	1.411.13	† 481.35
" "	A.A.U.S. Baltimore	17941	179.65	128.23	51.42
" " "	New York	17942	8.000.—	1.522.24	477.76
" " "	Philad[elphia]	17943	2.520.—	2.338.31	181.69
" " "	Boston	17944	19.100.—	18.119.70	920.30
" 6th "	[illegible]	17945	858.—	802.70	55.30
" " "	Chicago	17946	3.015.—	2.881.78	134.22
" " "	St Louis	17947	510.—	470.18	39.82
" 10th "	New Orleans	17948	45.60	43.60	2.00
			† 43.334.33	† 40.940.47	† 2.396.86

No. 9.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov 16th 1885

1.568.894.310

[illegible] } [illegible] Ounces unassayed

[illegible] and assayed to date, to be

Treasury Purchases 417.983.[illegible] Fine Ounces

5.498.[illegible]

Bullion [illegible] } 232.417.[illegible]

Jos. P. Kimball

Superintendent.

Nov 14th 5

Sir.

I forward you to-day by Adams Express, a box containing my Bullion accounts and Vouchers for the third Quarter 1865.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

LRC

Nov 17th 5

Sir.

I beg to enclose herewith, my Statement of Sweeps sold during the third Quarter of 1885. and losses on same; which should accompany my Bullion accounts for that Quarter, forwarded today.

I am,

Very Respectfully.

Saml M Fox

Sup't

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

17: Nov. 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 31 of Gold & Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memo. of the 12th Inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Elliot D. Jewett
Disbursing Clk. U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

17: Nov: 5

Sir;

Remittance No: 3 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received, as per letter of advice and memo: therein enclosed of the 3rd: inst.

Very respectfully

Saml McFox

Superintendent

Spruille Braden }
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

17: Nov: 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 31 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per statement of the 14th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent
Dan'l M. Fox

R. O. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

F. H. S.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Nov 4th 1886

Sir;

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, my Auditing & Assay Expense accounts for the month of October 1886.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Ob't Serv't

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LRC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 18th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 5038, favor Handy & Cronisi, for $ 56.000.—

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Sec. 3-28-85. 4W]

18. Nov. 5

Sir.

I have the hona to acknowledge receipt of a package of Medal reports

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18: Nov: 5

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1789 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan'l McFox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16. Nov. 5

Sir:

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 1789 - in triplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 31. received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 14th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

F. P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

18: Nov. 1885

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of package containing reports of the Director of the Mint for the current year

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Paul McFee
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

19: April 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: 1791 in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No: 3 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: of 2nd. inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

United States Assay Office

Boise City

Idaho

19: Nov: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1791 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19 Novem 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:—

Shall I proceed to plank up doors and provide gratings to cut off the Corridor as suggested in my letter, to be paid for out of draft just received on Post Office vault expense account—

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of ~~the Mint~~
Washington
D.C.

19: Nov. 5

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 6419 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $2059.— deposited on account of Mint Coinage Profits

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

November 19th 85

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of old material Sold from October 10th to November 9th 1885 on per C/D. of November 13th for $358.24.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

L.B.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 19th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 5039 favor Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. etc for $ 61.515.19

" 5040 " Handy & Cronise " $ 18.944.52

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 19th. 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Bullion Colorado Smelting Co. *per letter of advice, dated* Nov 11th. 1885

Invoice Weight,	*ozs.*	59.582.00
Fine Weight,	*ozs.*	59.492.45
Value @ 1.0340	*per oz. fine, $*	61.515.19

Superintendent.

19. Nov. 5

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the expected draft of One thousand dollars from the appropriations for the Coinage of standard Silver dollars to defray expenses incident to preparing the rooms and vaults in the P.O. Building for coinage

I shall proceed immediately to the work necessary as authorized by your advice of this date

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm H. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20. Nov. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1685 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at St. Louis to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James Pickimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20: Annex. 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: 1685 * — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 31, received from your office as per letter of advice and memo: of the 12th inst —

Very respectfully

Superintendent

M
Eliot C. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo

* This error (of the Register) was discovered after memo. was sent. It should be "1785"

O.B.J.
H.C.H.

November 20th 5

Sir;

I find it necessary to make requisition upon the Department for a further supply, say 250, of Form "No 3-A" "Silver Bullion Received on Purchases made at the Treasury Department". We have only a few days supply on hand. In making out my requisition for Stationery, blanks &c for the six months commencing on the 1st of January next, I will endeavor to have it cover everything that will probably be needed during the whole of that period, so as to avoid, if possible, any necessity for intermediate requisitions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director. Washington
D.C.

Copy of endorsement on back
of voucher #314
June 30 1865

I cannot certify to the correctness of each hours work because a portion was done in the shop.

The goods were all delivered — the weights I know nothing about. (Item 3)

Phila. Nov. 17/65 (Signed) J. C. McGinnis

Copy
[illegible]

November 19th 5

Hon. Danl. M. Fox.
Superintendent,
Sir.

In reply to your enquiries relative to the bills of the Orr & Hess Machine Co. dated June 20th & 30th 1885, in so far as they relate to this Department, I have the honor to state that the articles therein enumerated were received, consisting of annealing plates and pans, Drawbench chain & carriage, Grate bars &c. &c. &c. and were ordered on requisition by the Dept. upon notification by the Foreman that they were necessary.

In reference to the days work charged on these bills, with the ordering of which I had nothing to do, the practice has been for the Foreman of the respective rooms to certify to its being correct, which was done in this case.

But on referring to Messrs Peter & Downing the Foremen in regard to the time then certified to by them, I find that they are unable to give any definite information about the matter. Mr Downing states although he believes the time charged is a correct, he was not so qualified to that effect, as he is not certain that is the case.

Mr Webb's name appears on the bill as making correct 63½ days time made by the men of this firm, and he now says that he did not intend to cover that, as he only marked for the item opposite his name; but I have no hesitation in saying that it was understood at the time that he was signing for all the items enumerated in the bill commencing from the last signature down, which he had been accustomed to do in other bills of a like nature.

The extra heavy Pulley charged on the bill I find was ordered by the Superintendent's Dept. for

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use by the New Ajax Press and is now in use on the counter shaft in that connection.

Upon further inquiry I learn from the firm that they cannot specify at what particular point all the work was done, but that the same is charged away to the several Departments.

Enclosed please find memorandum letters on the subject from the Foremen of the Rolling & Coining room & Mr. Clift.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant.
(signed) H. S. Stark
Coiner.

(Copy) Philada Nov. 16th 1885.

To the Director of

U. S. Mint

Dear Sir:—

In reply to your request for information respecting certain articles, would state that —

Twenty four (24) Plates and (170) Grate Bars for Annealing Furnaces were received about July 1st and some of them are in use now.

Four (4) Draw Bench Chains were received about the same time and are in place now on the Draw Benches and may be seen at any time in constant use.

The Draw Bench Carriage was received about July 1st and may be seen with chaines as they are used to-gether.

Six (6) Annealing Boxes were received

[* sic]

about the same time as the above and are used for annealing Bronze and Nickel and are to take the place of those on hand as they are half worn out.

The (63½) days I could not report as I was never required to keep their time, but I do know that Orr's men were working in Rolling Room in the time specified.

Hoping this will be satisfactory,

I remain Most Respectfully,

(signed) H. H. Webb.

(Copy) Philadelphia November 16th 1885

Mr. Steel

~~[illegible]~~ was not made in the Mint but at the Shop of Orr & Hess Machine Co Limt to best of my Knowliage*

Yours

(Signed) E. K. Cleft

[* sic]

(Copy.)

Wm. S. Steel Esq
Comer

The Belt Shifter or Ajax (No 10) —
Coining Press was fitted and placed on the Press after
it was set up in the Coining Room, not knowing the
terms of the Contract for the Press I am not compe-
tent to say whether the Shifter should have been fur-
nished as part of the Press.

The 17 days work at Place, Rigging and use
of rigging was the time employed and the Spars,
Ropes, Blocks and hoisting tackle used in getting
the press in the Mint Building and setting it in
its place. The charge for hauling was for
moving the press from where it was made to
the Mint

Respectfully
(Signed) A. W. Denning

Nov. 16th 1885

20: Nov. 5

Sir;

Responsive to your instructions as contained in letter under date of 10th inst.- referring to vouchers 278 and 314 bills of The Orr & Ives Machine Co, limited by which you require these vouchers to be examined and to report whether the articles charged in the bills have been received,- I have the honor to say that I have had considerable difficulty in ascertaining the facts of the case.

John L. McGinnis, who signed for all the items embraced within the letter "E" in the large bill as having received the supplies thus therein contained,

sometime since resigned his situation, therefore he is not in connection with this institution any more. However sent to him at his residence in charge of a clerk, the bill on which his name appears - with the desired inquiry. His answer to this he makes in lead pencil on the back of the bill, saying he could not certify to the correctness of each hours work because a portion was done in the shop, and the weights he knew nothing about, but the goods were all delivered. Thus as far as his signing is concerned, (and although his signature would indicate that every one of those items to be correct) it is of no effect as much- ing for the correctness of items No. 11, 12,

14, 15, 17 and 18.

In respect to Mr. A.W. Downing who signs as to another portion in the large bill, he says the goods mentioned in that part were furnished, but he is not competent to say whether the shifter should have been furnished as part of the Press. In his letter he speaks of 17 days work at place (rigging and use of rigging) as the time consumed; but subsequently stated orally that he was unable to give any definite information as to his time.

Inquiry was also made of C. K. Clift who was one of the workmen stationed in the building by the firm of The Orr and Hess Co: Limited. He says the

time was not made in the Mill, but at the shop of Orr, Hess, Co, to the best of his knowledge, and Mr. William H. Webb, another signer to these bills, now says the 63½ days time - being item 7 in the large bill - he could not certify to, as he was never required to keep the time, but he think that Orr's men were working in the Rolling room within the time specified. The goods to which he certifies were received.

Mr E.O. Thomas who certifies as to the correct weight in the smaller bill of $714, has left the employ of

the Government and I have not yet been able to communicate with him. I am informed that he is the son-in-law of Mr Orr.

The sum total of all the information I have been able to obtain would lead me to the impression that the articles specified in both bills were all received, but none of those who signed as to correctness know anything about the rates or prices or about the items of time charged.

I herewith enclose copies of the memorandum reply of Mr McGinnis, and the letters of Mr Downing, Mr Cliff, and Mr. Webb. also the letter of Mr

Steel, Coiner, touching the whole subject

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LRB

(26—A.)

Mint of the United States of Philadelphia,

Nov 21st 1885

Sir,

I draw this day check

No. 5042 from Handy & Cronise for $ 11.435.12

$

$

$

$

$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Ed. 3-28-85. 1000]

LRC

(86—L.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 20th, 1885.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No 5041, favor Handy & Cronise for $ 1 f. 2 f. 2.20

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Gallion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Ed. 7-23-6. 1000]

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 21st 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Hendy & Comier New York per letter of advice, dated 17th Nov 1885

Troy Weight,	oz.	100.647.35
Fine Weight,	oz.	100.486.51
Value @ 1.03.15	per oz. fine, $	103.651.84

Dan'l M Fox

Superintendent

(Pr. R.)

November 21st 5

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. asking for explanation of bill Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company for September 1885, I beg to say that in all cases where the commercial rate is less than Government rate between points, it is so charged, as per Circular Secretary of the Treasury 1885 Department 186 Division of C.P. 186, dated July 18th 1885 in reference to rates to be paid for telegraph service.

In computing the charges at commercial rate it has been the custom of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company to charge for Messages between Philadelphia and Washington one cent per word for the body of the message and title.

In

The items of August 14th, 24th and 31st cited in your letter, the Commercial Rate was paid, it being less than Government Rate would be where all the words but the date are Counted. The figures 35, 19 and 22 represent either the full Message including address signature and title, or simply the body with the title and the word "Collect" at the top of the message added, which is not charged for, but used in some manner as a check between the Companys Employes; and do not in all Cases represent the number of words sent or to be charged for, as stated by you.

I return herewith the bill in question without correction, hoping that the explanation will be satisfactory.

Yrs

The request in regard to the manner of entering on the Pay Roll the name of an employé in the same department whose designation or title is changed during the month will be cheerfully complied with

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Wm. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: Novemr 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit a copy of the report of the Coiner showing the requisition made upon me for the striking of $40000 — six dimes under date of Nov: 17th had been completed.

By letter of the 16th, I have already apprised you that $20.000 — had been struck at that date; which were subsequently disposed of by the order of the Treasurer of the United States

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Copy
F. W. Jr.

November 21st 5

Hon. Danl. M. Fox.
Superintendent

Sir,

I have the honor to state, that the order for Forty thousand ($40,000) Dollars in Dimes per your letter of the 12th. inst. is now completed, the balance having been delivered to the Cashier this morning.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Signed) W. S. Steel.
Coiner

(Copy)

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington D.C. Nov. 23rd 1885.

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst, stating that $140 000 in dimes had been coined, as directed in the letter of this Bureau of the 12th inst., has been received.

Thanking you for the promptness with which you have executed the request of the Department you will please proceed to coin the uncurrent Silver coins, recently transferred you by the Treasurer into dimes as early as practicable, as there appears to be an increasing demand for coins of that denomination by the Public.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Wm. Hunt. M. Fox
Supt. Mint
Phila Pa.

21: Nov: 5

Sir;

It has been customary heretofore to coin on the authority of the Superintendent of this institution a quantity of half and quarter-dollars; - say from 3000 to 5000 dollars of each denomination besides proof pieces, and also a small amount of each of the gold denominations, so as to make a representation of the several denominations for the year, and for the use of numismatists and Cabinets.

As we are approaching the end (of the end) of the year 1885 I do not design doing it without approval &

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beg to submit the matter to your consideration and instruction

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21 Street 5

Sir,

May I kindly inquire whether the balance, which about the middle of last month was sent to the Treasury Department under their order, is needed any longer by them.

As it was needed for "30 days", I would be very glad if the Department have no further use for it, to have it returned, as I can turn it to excellent account in weighing bullion as well as Coin

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sir;

November 21st 1885

The following persons will constitute the permanent Sunday Watch until otherwise ordered viz.

M. Lafty,	Sweep Cellar	Every Sunday
Wm. Conn,	Coining Room	do. do.
John G. Borhek,	do do	do. do.
James S. Thorp,	Rolling do	do. do.
Wm. H. P. Barnes,	Conductor	Every other do
J. F. Brinkerhoff,	do	do. do. do.
Thos. J. McBlair,	Coining Room	Alternate Sunday
Wm. R. Brinton,	Cleaning do	do. do.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr. M. Lafty
Captain Sunday Watch.

November 23rd 1885

Hon. Geo. Eyster
Ass. Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia

Sir;

Please send me by Mr. Geo. Heilig, the bearer, the lock up Keys to the vaults in the new Post Office, and this shall be your sufficient voucher for the same.

Respectfully

M C McFox

Superintendent.

23: Nov. 5

Sir;

I send you by to days mail, Register of Deposits for the Quarter ending September 30: 1885

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 28th

Dear

I beg to submit the following statement of assessment Silver Coin, received for receipts showing Sale Value, Joint Value and loss on Exercise.

Received from Asst Treas. New York.

Exercise.	No. of Pcs	Sale Value	Joint Value	Loss.
Mar 28th	[illegible]	$99,454.00	$91202.07	$6052.93

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Joint.
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Nov 25th 5

Dear

I beg to submit the following Statement of assessment Silver Coin, received for recoinage showing Tale Value, Mint Value and loss on same.

Received from Ass't Treas: New York.

Date received.	No of Pcs	Tale Value	Mint Value	Loss.
Nov 20th	12,972	$97,454.00	$91202.07	$6252.93

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

F.N.5

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Nov 23d, 1885.

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.406.915.457 fine ounces, [illegible] 149.895 – Sunny 779 Lead } gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases	579.961.775	Fine Ounces.
Domestic and Parted	8.334.706	" "
Bullion Recd from Mint of S. Carolina Mon during the month – on Sunday }	232.417.216	" "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

Ed. [illegible]

LRC

(85-6)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 24th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 5043, favor Clark Dodge & Co. N.Y. for $32.380.14

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

[Sp. 7-28-85. 1000]

24: Novem. 5

Sir;

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, the uncurrent silver coins recently transferred to this Mint by the Treasurer U.S. will be coined into dimes as soon as practicable.

You will please prepare and deliver ingots accordingly

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq
[illegible]

24. Novem. 5

Sir;

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, a copy of which is herewith enclosed you will proceed to coin the uncurrent silver coins recently transferred to the Mint by the Treasurer U.S. into dimes as early as practicable

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

William A. Heel Esq
Coiner

24: Novem. 5

Sir;

In view of the authority recently conferred upon me by the Director of the Mint, you will communicate to all the Clerks and Assistants, that they will be required to give security to the United States Government for the faithful performance of their duties in the sum designated for each particular position as per schedule in charge of the Cashier who will furnish any information necessary.

Only first class accepted personal security will be considered;

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

H. C. Hickok Esq
Chief Clerk

24: Arew. 5

Sir,

I am instructed by the Superintendent to say that under and by virtue of authority recently conferred upon him by the Board of the Mint, you will require bonded security to be given by each of the employés in your Department.

Personal security of unquestionable character will be preferred, but in case there should be any who will be unable to procure such security, they may furnish it by bond of either of the following named Surety Companies to wit.

1 The Guarantee, The Fidelity, & The American.

The amount of the bond to be in accordance with the schedule which can be seen at the Cashier's office who will assist in carrying this order into effect

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Chief Clerk

William S. Stark
Owner

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24th Novem. 5

Sir;

I am instructed by the Superintendent to say that under and by virtue of authority recently conferred upon him by the Director of the Mint, your bail required bonded Security, is to be given by each of the employées in your Department.

Personal Security of unquestionable character will be preferred, but in case there should be any who will be unable to procure such Security, they may furnish it by either of the following named Surety Companies to wit.—

The Guarantee; The Fidelity; & The Union.

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The amount of the bond to be in accordance with the Schedule which can be seen at the Cashiers office who will assist in carrying this order into effect

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Chief Clerk

James C. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner.

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Jacob S. Cokeley Esq
Assayer
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Very Respectfully
H C Hickson
Chief Clerk

Jacob B. Eckfeldt Esq.
Assayer.

24th Novem. 5

Sir.

I am instructed by the Superintendent to say that under and by virtue of Authority recently conferred upon him by the Director of the Mint, you will be required bonded Security to be given by each of the employés in your Department.

Personal security of unquestionable character will be preferred, but in case there should be any who will be unable to procure such Security, they may furnish it by bond of either of the following named Surety Companies to wit:—

The Guarantee; The Fidelity or the American

The amount of bond to be in accordance with the Schedule which can be seen at the Cashiers Office who will assist in carrying this order into effect

Very Respectfully

H C Peterson B

Chief Clerk

Charles E Barber Esq.

Engraver.

Nov 25th 5

New York.
Nov 13th 5

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25: Novem 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under sect: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed J. William Alburger, Fireman, in the General Department of the Mint - vice John McKee to be removed, William Hennings having declined - at a compensation of $2.00 per diem, to date from confirmation, and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25: Nov: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Henry J. Goodrich, a resident of this State, Conductor in the General Department of the Mint @ $3.50 per diem - vice James A. Th[illegible] [illegible]ferred, - to date from Confirmation, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

25: Novem. 5

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Mahlon F. Gallagher, a resident of Delaware, "Cabinet" in the General Department of the Mint - vice William L. Kirk, to be [illegible] at a compensation of $3.50 per diem, and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LPB

Nov 25th 5

Sir.

Replying to your letter of the 23rd inst relative to the Recoinage of U.S. Silver pieces, I would state that our records show the operations at this Mint in such recoinage, since the early part of the year 1853. Any statistics on the subject which you may desire, and can be furnished, I will cheerfully tabulate for your information.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. C. N. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

DRC

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 25th, 1885.

Sir

I draw this day check

No 5044, furor Clark, Dodge & Co. for $ 68,758.56

5045, " Handy & Cronise " $ 39,000.00/100

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Dan M Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[En. 3-28-85. 10001

25: Novem: 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official;—

Have you any instructions in answer to my Letter of the 16th inst. touching the Kansas bars? Shall I exercise my discretion?

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

25: Nov: 55

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

Repeat telegram of this morning seems error

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan W. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: C. N. Jordan
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D. C.

Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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November 25th 5

Sir;

I herewith transmit for payment out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the incidental and contingent expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885 a receipted bill for $24= of Mess Bergner & O'Brien, 28 & 4 ab. Race, in this city duly approved by the late Superintendent, for boiler blocks furnished to this Mint in February last.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

25: Stream. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certif. of Deposit to 6421 of the Assist ant Treasurer in this City for $ 3900.— deposited on account of mint Coinage profit

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Daniel M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

F.U.S.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Nov 25th 5

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars on hand at the Treasury of the Mint this day is 1,375,784.643 [illegible] together with [illegible] gross [illegible] $3900.—

[illegible] the amount of "Treasury" and "Loan" [illegible] "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases - - - - - [illegible]

Domestic and Parted - - - - - [illegible]

[illegible]

Very respectfully

Your obedient

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. [illegible]

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[illegible]

November 27th 5

Sir;

My Semi-annual requisition upon the Department at Washington for whatever Supplies of Stationery &c may be needed for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30th 1886, must be forwarded early in the coming month, December; and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 3rd, a list of all articles of Stationery that will be required for your department during that period. Also a list of all blank books and forms that will be needed during the six months mentioned, giving their printed M. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

Sir please make a thorough examination of the supplies you may have on board, so that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making special requisitions between states, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt. Esq
Assayer

November 27th 5

Sir,

My Semi annual requisition upon the Department at Washington for stationary supplies of Stationary &c may be needed for the use of this Office during the Six months ending June 30th 1881, must be forwarded early in the coming month December; and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 31st, a list of all articles of Stationary that will be required for your department during that period. Also a list of all blank books and forms that will be needed during the Six months mentioned, giving their proper No. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked

that can reasonably be anticipated, you will please make a thorough examination of the supplies you may have on hand, so that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making special requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

Wm C Wilcox

Superintendent.

Jas. C. Booth Esq.
Me'ter & Refiner

November 27th 5

Sir;

My Semi-Annual requisition upon the Department at Washington for whatever Supplies of Stationery &c, may be needed for the use of this Month during the Six months ending June 30th 1886, must be forwarded early in the coming month, December, and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 3rd, a list of all articles of Stationery that will be required for your department during that period.

Also a list of blank books and forms that will be needed during the six months mentioned, giving the printed No. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

you will please make a thorough examination of the supplies you may have on hand, so that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making special requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

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Superintendent.

William S. Steel Esq.
Coiner.

November 27th 85

Sir;

My Semi-Annual requisition upon the Department at Washington for whatever Supplies of Stationery &c may be needed for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30th 1886, must be forwarded early in the coming month, December; and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 3rd, a list of all articles of Stationery that will be required for your department during that period.

Also a list blank books and forms that will be needed during the six months mentioned, giving the printed No. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

will please make a thorough examination of the Supplies you may have on hand, so that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making Special Requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

Your Ob't Ser't

Superintendent.

Charles E. Burton Esq.
Engraver.

November 27th 5

Sir.

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Also a list of all blank books and forms that will be needed during the Six months mentioned, giving the printed No. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

will please make a thorough examination of the Supplies you may have on hand, so that my requisition may embrace every-thing wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making special requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent.

M. H. Cobb Esq.
Cashier.

November 27th 5

Sir;

My Semi-Annual Requisition upon the Department at Washington for such Supplies of Stationery &c may be needed for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30th 1886, must be forwarded early in the coming month, December; and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 3rd, a list of all articles of Stationery that will be required for your Office during that period.

Also a list of all Blank books and forms that will be needed during the Six months mentioned, giving the smallest No and Size.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

will please make a thorough examination of the Supplies you may have on hand, so that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making special requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

H. S. Cochran Esq.
Weigh Clerk.

November 27th 5

Sir;

My Semi-Annual requisition upon the Department at Washington for whatever Supplies of Stationery &c. may be needed for the use of this Mint during the Six months ending June 30th 1886, must be forwarded early in the coming Month, December; and I have to request that you will furnish me, not later than December 3rd, a list of all articles of Stationery that will be required for your Office during that period.

Also a list of all blank books and forms that will be needed during the Six months mentioned, giving printed No. and title.

To be certain that nothing is overlooked that can reasonably be anticipated, you

will please make a thorough examination of the supplies you may have on hand, So that my requisition may embrace everything wanted.

The Authorities at Washington condemn the practice of making Special Requisitions between times, and it is necessary that it should be avoided hereafter.

Respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Mr. O. S. Jones

Abstract Clerk.

Nov 4th 1885

5046	Zimmermann & Forshay	10.343.15
5047	Hendy & Cronise	6.175.56
5048	Do	14.843.02
5049	Fourth National Bank of N.Y.	51.936.[illegible]

Nov 24th 5

Zimmerman & Forshay

New York.
Nov 24th. 5

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LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 27th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Argo. Col per letter of advice, dated Nov 18th 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	50.408.50
Fine Weight,	ozs.	50.350.34
Value @ 1.0315 per oz. fine,	$	51.901.89

[signature]

Superintendent.

LRC

Nov 29th 65

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official.

The account of Adams Express Co for transportation of San Francisco coins, was not in letter. Please forward it.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

27: Novem. 5

Dear Sir;

I have - a number of times and will continue to be delivering coin to you in due course of authority. I learn that it has sometimes been the case that your men decline to carry the coin up into the third story where it must be stored.

Our men are here upon daily pay and every hour they lose from the work in which they are engaged in the institution is exactly the cost of their wages for the time being to the Government.

As the service to which I have referred, and which, as I have been

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informed they have been called on to do, is costly; I desire to say most kindly that I would esteem it a courtesy if you would have one or two of your men to do this service instead.

May I ask this favor

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. George Eyster
Asst: Treas: U.S.
Philadelphia
Penna

SRK

Nov 24th 5

Sir,

Referring to your letter of instructions of the 25th inst directing me to make payment for the transportation of certain Silver Dollars from San Francisco to Washington by a check on the Asst Treas U.S. New York, I beg to respectfully suggest that as the fund to my credit in the hands of the Assistant Treas at New York, is a part of the U.S. Bullion Fund, will not such action on my part lead to a confusion in my accounts, and a suspension of the amount so paid when they shall be acted upon at the Department. I do not clearly see how the Silver-profit Fund and the U.S. Bullion Fund can be employed together in settling for the transportation referred to, I therefore beg to write for information.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

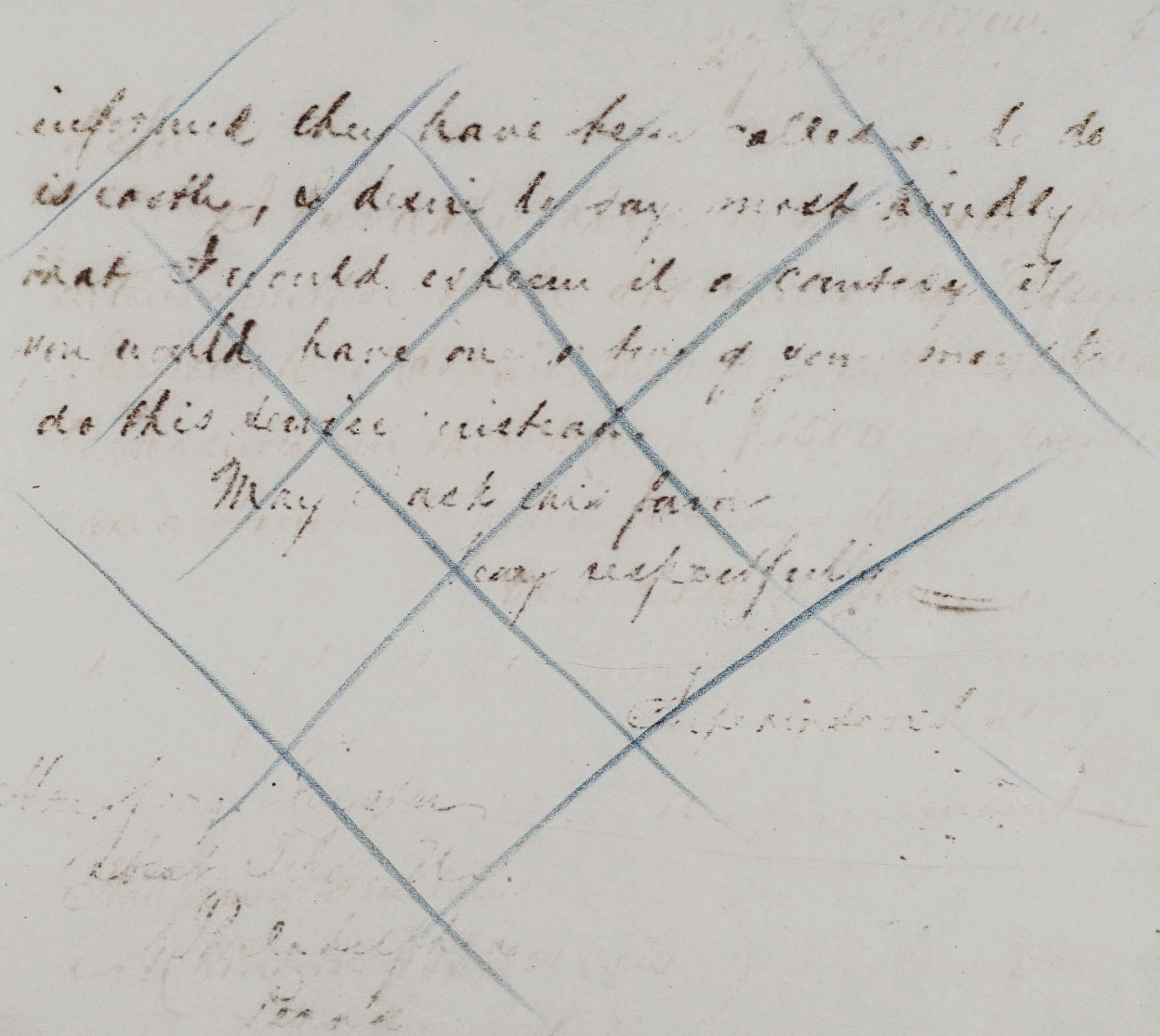
27: Aprill. 5

Dear Sir;

I have a number of times [illegible] will continue to be delivering coin to you in due course of authority. [illegible] that it has sometimes been the case that you [illegible] declined to [illegible] the coin [illegible] into the third stone [illegible] it must be stood.

One [illegible] and [illegible] hour they lose from the [illegible] in which they are engaged in the [illegible] stitution is exactly the [illegible] for the time being both [illegible]

As the service to which [illegible] referred and which [illegible]



27: Novem. 5

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit, No. 6422 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $1500, deposited on account of minor Coinage profits

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James H. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

November 27 5

Sir.

Ezra Calhoun, Chief Weigher in the Coiner's Department, having died on the morning of the 20th inst., after a short illness, his name will be dropped from the rolls after that date.

Mr. Calhoun was one of the oldest male employés of the Mint, having entered the Institution in 1853, by appointment of Hon. Thos. M. Pettit, the Director during the administration of President Pierce, and during his 32 years of service was regarded as one of the most conscientious, efficient, and reliable employés in the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Superintendent.

No 2

November 27th 5

Sir.-

I have received 250 sheets, form (No 3. A.) "silver bullion received on Department purchases"; and 100 sheets, "Statements of Domestic production," specified in your letter of the 21st instant.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[signature]
Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

LRB

Nov 28th 5

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

"Please have my New York account increased, to meet checks for Silver purchases."

Very Respectfully

Wm M Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

SRB

(86 A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 28th, 1885

Sir

I draw this day check

No 5050, favor Fourth National Bank N.Y. for $ 48.054.45

5051, " Handy & Cronise " $ 11.498.11

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully

Wm Mc Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

28: Novem. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Melter and Refiner's Statement of Silver melting here, during October last

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Pages 108 & 109
transferred to
Miss. book

28: Novem. 5

Sir:

I have the honor to report that as authorized by you, the question of furnishing bonded security for the faithful performance of duty has been submitted to the various clerks, assistants, workmen and operatives in this Mint, and meets with very general acquiescence.

Will you please inform me if the Department has any blank bonds on hand suitable for this purpose, where the bond is to be given to the head of the operative department in which the person giving the security is employed; and if so whether I can be supplied with a sufficient number,

Also, if I can be furnished with blank bonds to the United States to be executed by the Assistants and Clerks

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30: Novem. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following named coins from the deliveries of the Coinage during the current month reserved for special assay:-

Standard Silver Dollars ____ 14

Dimes ____ 30

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30: Nov: 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 32 of Gold Bullion from your office, has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memo: of 28th. Nov.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

30 : Nov. 5

Sir

Samuel A. Heins, Gasfitter in the General Department of this Mint having resigned his name will be dropped from the rolls after this date

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30. Avenue 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed John Hirst, Gas fitter, in the General Department of the Mint at a compensation of $4.00 per diem, to date from confirmation; and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

No. 30.

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November 30th 5

Sir:—

As directed in your letter of the 25rd inst. I enclose herewith my check on the Asst. Treasurer New York No. 5054 for $80.000.00 in favor of the Adams Express Co.- being for payment of expenses incurred in transporting 10,000,000 standard silver dollars from the Mint at San Francisco to the Treasurer U.S. at Washington D.C. and I have charged the same to the Silver Profit Fund of this Mint as directed.

Please have the enclosed Warrant receipted by the Agt. of the Adams Express Co. and return it to me.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

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Nov 30th 5

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made "official" -

"Funds in Asst Treasurers hands New York to my credit should be increased at once." -

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Sup't -

Hon. C. N. Jordan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington. D.C.

Nov 30th 5

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made "Official" -

"Please advise me by wire if my account has been increased by transfer today."

Very Respectfully,

[signature]

Supt

Hon. Thos. C. Acton.

Ass't Treas: U.S. New York.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 30th. 1885

Fourth National

Bank. New York

Oct 30th. 1885

[illegible]	[illegible]	70.248.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	70.037.97
[illegible] 1.0325	[illegible]	72.314.21

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 30th 1885

Fourth National

Bank. New York.

Nov 10th 1885

[illegible]	oz	49.739.02
[illegible]	oz	49.609.56
Value @ 1.034	per oz. fine, $	51.296.30

[illegible]
Superintendent

LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 30th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Cronise New York per letter of advice, dated Nov 24th 1885

Pounds Weight	ozs.	75.364.40
Fine Weight	ozs.	75.237.05
Value @ 1.0328 per oz. fine, $		77.704.82

[illegible]

[illegible]

Superintendent

F.H.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Nov 30th 1885

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.436.721.345

together with 1.699 Local gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" of Standard Silver" received during the month, and assayed to date as follows:

Treasury Purchases	931.146.867	
	10.302.300	
Bullion recd from Mint of Carson Tower during the month on Trust Order	232.417.314	" "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[E.S. 10-29-83—600.]

30. Novem. 5

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the report of the Coiner for the month ending this day.

As respect the inquiry why no gold had been coined through the month of November you will bear in mind that we had but 24 working days in that month, during which time we produced 1.700.000 Standard dollars 600.000 dimes, 795.000 Cents - making in all 3.155.000 pieces.

Please bear in mind that the subsidiary Coin - to wit the dimes, were ordered on very short notice, which

require that they should be coined without Delay, and believing that the Standard Eagle and Dimes were more essential to have struck and the order more imperative than for the gold, also that in the month of December we could increase the service, so as to provide for the regular month's quota of Silver with gold Coinage in addition - on consultation with the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner I concluded that it would be better that we should confine ourselves this month to what we have produced.

The explanation I trust will be

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satisfactory.

In view of your instructions as to the gold coinage we hope to present a result for the month of December which will make a very satisfactory showing.

Of course we expect under any circumstances to meet whatever quota may be required as regard Eagles and dollars besides procuring the other work of dollars, fractional currency and Cents

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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30th November 1885

606.050.00

18.216.644.65

13.881.04

3.869.87

$18.839.866.56

30 Nov. 5

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully,

Mr. Edward Keyser
Cleaner

30: Nov.

Dear Sir.

This is to [illegible] that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Mr J. A. Barnwall
Roller

30: Nov. 5

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after Dec. 31.

Very respectfully

Superintendent.

Wm Edward Cliff
Marion

30 Nov: 5

Dear Sir.

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr. John McKee

[illegible]

Sir,

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Mr Robert Aspinall

Halifax

30 Nov 5

Dear Sir.

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Wm. J. F. Weyer
Keeper

30 Nov.

is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Pvt. William C. Kirk
"Indiana"

Hospital of United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

30: Nov 1885

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this dates.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Mr Eric H. Watson
Carpenter

30. Novem 5

Sir

You are authorized to permit Mr Samuel A. Heins, Gas Fitter to remove such tools as are his own property, from the Mint building

Very respectfully
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Mr Phos J Gibson
[illegible]

December 1st 5

Sir;

By order of the Director, two thirds of your gold coinage during the current month, December, will be in half Eagles and one third in Eagles.

Respectfully

Dan'l Fox

Superintendent

Wm S. Steel Esq

Coiner.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

December 1st 1885

Sir;

By order of the Director, two-thirds of our gold coinage during the current month, December, will be in half-Eagles, and one third in Eagles

Respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

James C. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

1. Decem: 5

Sir

The number of Silver Dollars to be coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Director at $1,700.000

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

W. T. Sheely
Coiner

1: Decem: 5

Sir,

The number of silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Directors at 1.700.000;

Very respectfully

D. W. M. Fox

Superintendent

J. C. Booth Esq
M & K

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

1: Dec: 5

Sir:

Miss Annie Shafer, having resigned her position as temporary Adjuster her name will be dropped from the rolls after 31st October last

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. M. Patterson
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

1. Recd 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose copies of two letters sent me by John K. Valentine Esqr. United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, touching the subject of the investigation of the abstraction of various bars of silver from this Mint under the former administration.

I may say that I have had a personal interview with Operative Scanlan of the Secret Service Division. From what he represents, I concur with the District Attorney in recommending that an additional man to assist in the

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investigation would be very proper, as the great feature which actuates me is the ascertainment of the guilty parties, who stole the silver from this building

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon Daniel Manning
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

SRb

Dec 1st 5

Sir,

Please make a Requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the sum of One thousand Dollars, to meet expenditures for the Month ending the 31st inst, on account of the appropriation for parting and Refining Bullion.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 1st, 1885.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 5055, favor Fourth National Bank N.Y. for $ 9.691.09

" 5056, " Handy & Bronise " $ 65.000.00

" , " $

" , " $

" , " $

" , " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Rev. 2-28-85. 2000]

1. December 5

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed Joseph Fite, Adjuster [illegible] in the General Department of this Mint at $4.00 per diem, to [illegible] from confirmation and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1. Decem. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to be in receipt of a communication under date of 28th. ult stating that I was exacting a bond of $500 from each of the employees of the Mint and that the said Security was being furnished by the American Security Company of New York and other Corporations of like character and that the cost would be $50 per. together with a newspaper slip attached to it substantially to the same effect, from the Sunday Times of this City. The letter was from Henry L Taggart, Proprietor of that paper and was addressed to the Hon. Secretary

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of the Treasury, was referred to you and by you to me for inquiry.

In reply I would say that responsive to the letter of mine addressed to yourself on the 16th day of October last, touching the question of sureties from officers and employees, I received a communication under date of Oct. 17th last, from R. E. Preston Esq. Actng Director by which I was informed that there would be no objection to requiring personal bonds in reasonable amounts from persons occupying positions of trust and confidence in any of the Departments

of this institution, and that the bonds did not necessarily require the approval of your Department and could be kept in my own records. (The last paragraph led me to the impression that as regards Clerks and Assistants the bonds would be to the Government, and that the others would be to the heads of Departments as these heads were responsible for their subordinates.) It furthermore gave a list of the few who were bonded and named a number of clerks who had not given any security whatever, but ought to and suggested

in their cases what the amounts should be.

In view of the fact that there were but few of the operatives but were necessarily and continuously engaged in handling either the Metals or coin, and also to prevent invidious and perhaps unpleasant reflections, I deemed it proper to mention that Security should be furnished by all without distinction and accordingly addressed a letter to each of the Heads of departments stating that I had been authorized to require bonded Security

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from clerks, assistants and other em-
ployees engaged under them, that
personal security of unquestionable
character would be preferred, but
in case there should be any who
would be unable to procure such
security, they might furnish it
from either one of the only 3 incorpo-
rated Companies I knew of, au-
thorized to give security for the fi-
delity of persons. I contemplated
in this that personal security would
apply to all who gave the bonds to
Government and that as regards
those which might be to the heads

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of Departments the discretion could be exercised where personal security was impossible to be obtained. A copy of the letter is hereto annexed.

I need hardly say that I know nothing upon the question of cost mentioned in the communication referred to me.

My only motive in affording the alternative was that of kindness. If I am wrong in the thought that the bonds of only the clerks and assistants should be given to the Government and the rest of the employées to the heads of Departments

I would be glad to be advised; and also whether if there be any to be given to the heads of departments, they must also be by personal security and not corporate, I would thank you for that information.

No bonds have yet been taken but a considerable number of those engaged in the Mint have written desirous of giving security naming in every case individuals as their proposed bondsmen, and until otherwise advised I will adhere to the individual-bondsmen feature, exclusively.

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Submitting the facts as above stated

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1: Decem: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of the following named persons recently appointed to positions in the Mint:-

J. William Alburger	Fireman	General Office
James Harley	Machinist	" "
H. H. Goodrich	Conductor	" "
John McLaughlin	Millwright	" "
Madden J. Gallagher	"Cabinet"	" "
William A. Green	Roller	Coining "
John F. Nehlig	Cleaner	" "
Jacob Lencester	Roller	" "
William J. Turner	Hoister	Melt & R. "
Martin Killacky	Melter	"

In the case of Martin Killacky the appointee last named, by an error, the application was made for his appointment as Helper @ $2.00 vice Provand. As Provand was a Melter at $3.25 per diem, the appointment asked for for Killacky should have been for Melter @ $3.25. Have the kindness to make the change on your records as from this date

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm McFee
Superintendent

Hon James B Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

HCH

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

December 1st 1865

Sir;

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date, No. 6431, in my favor, from the Assistant Treasur, U.S, in this City, for $2.000. on account of minor coinage profits.

Very respectfully

Asst M Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James F. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

HCA

December 1st 5

Sir;

In reply to yrn letter of November 30th (J.W.10.) I beg to state that the desired Statement, by denominations, of the re-coinage of U.S. Silver coins at this Mint, will be prepared and forwarded to yrn as Soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon. C. N. Jordan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

December 1st 5

Sir;

On the 11th of November, ultimo, I had the honor to address you a communication in regard to the proposed purchase of a very rare Half Eagle of 1815, offered for sale by Mr. A. C. Newlin of this City for $300- and of which we have no copy in the Mint Cabinet, desiring permission to use our only available fund of $299- to secure it.

Mr. Newlin called this afternoon to enquire what conclusion had been reached with regard to it, and as I have not heard from you in reply I beg to call your attention to that com-

munication and its enclosures and to respectfully ask whether I will be at liberty to give him an affirmative answer. If there are no insuperable objections we very much desire to add the piece to our collection.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Paul M. Fox
Superintendent

per H.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LRb

(86—A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 2d 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 5057	favor Handy & Cronise	for	$ 11.980.86
5058	Clark Dodge & Co		$ 29.173.13
5059	Fourth National Bank N.Y.		$ 9.850.38
5060	Handy & Cronise		$ 10.308.64
			$
			$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Ed. 7-23-85. 1000]

SRB

Dec 2. 5

Sir.

I beg to state that the shipments of, and Express charges and cost of Kegs and bagging on Standard Silver Dollars forwarded from this Mint during the month of November 1885 - were as follows. viz

Total Shipped	Cost of Bagging	Cost of Kegs	Express Charges.
$1111.993.	$15.61	12 Kegs @ $1. each = 12.	$188.69

To the above should be added $80.000. paid to The Adams Express Co. for expenses of transportation on $10.000.000. from the Mint U.S. at San Francisco, to Washington D.C. under orders of the Director of the Mint. of 11/25/85.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. C. N. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

2. Decr 5

Sir;

I have the hona to transmit the oath of Office of John W. Yerkes recently appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Department of this Mint

Very respectfully —
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2: November 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Silver purchased here from Nov: 16th to 30th ultimo:

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21 December 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1864 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2 December 5

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo. No 1834 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No: 32, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 28th ultto.

Very respectfully

Karl M Fox

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq

Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office

Charlotte

N.C.

HCK

December 2nd 85

Sir;

The Engraver reminds me this morning that no order has yet been received to prepare dies of the Calender year 1886, for the Mint of the United States at New Orleans. We should know very soon how many will be required, and of what denominations, to enable the Engraver to get them ready in time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Atkl McFee
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

No. 526.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia
October 31st, 1885.

Monthly statement of balance of Gold and Silver Bullion in charge of the Weigh Clerk of this Mint at the close of business on the 31st day of October, 1885

	Standard Ozs.	Value.
Gold Bullion - - -	1225318.219	$22,796,418.02
Silver Bullion - - -	12,285.87	16,840.96

[illegible]
Weigh Clerk.

Correct:

[illegible]
Superintendent.

(Rs. 1-17-83--500.)

3 Dec 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No. 6436 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $2500.00 deposited on account of mint coinage profits

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James R Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

F. U. C.

Dec 3d 1885

1.406 919 213
103.630 Treasury
1,223. Local

131.514 399 Fine Ounces
208.089 " "

Jos. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

Paul M. Fox
Superintendent

SRL

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 4th, 1885.

Sir

I draw this day check

No. 5061,	favor	Handy & Harman	for $ 16.595.18
5062	"	Clark, Dodge & Co	" $ 52.864.57
5063		Fourth National Bank. N.Y.	12.052.00

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

SRB

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 4th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Ironside New York per letter of advice, dated Nov 27th 1885

American Weight,	ozs.	100.547.45
Mint Weight,	ozs.	100.341.67
Price @ 1.0350	per oz. fine, $	103.884.68

Superintendent.

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December 4th 5

Sir;

I herewith transmit D/D, of this date, in my favr No 6435, from the Assistant Treasurer U. S in this City, for $ 25.92/100 on account of old material sold. I also enclose an itemized Statement of the Sales.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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4th Decr 5

Sir;

Have the kindness to amend the appointment of Joseph Fite, the confirmation of whose appointment as Adjuster of Scales, is at hand, and make it "vice Ellis tugh to be removed".

And oblige

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4. Dec'r 5

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No. 6436, of the Assistant Treasurer in this City — for $2000 00

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm M Ford
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sec't

December 11th 5

Sir;

Referring to the enclosed copy of a letter received this morning from the Assistant Treas. U.S. at New York requesting a supply of gold dollars for Christmas and New Years, I beg to state that we have very few on hand, but as there is a great demand for them from many other parts of the country, including San Francisco, that I should be glad to meet, I submit the matter for your consideration, and if there be no objection. I propose to coin several thousands of these pieces to accommodate the general public, before the close of the

year, as I am informed has been the practice in former years

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
D. W. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Office of Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York City, Dec. 3rd 1885.

Dear Sir:-

At this period I have numerous applications for gold dollars for holiday presents. Is it practicable for you to send me say $1000.- or $500.? If impossible to send either of these sums, I shall feel greatly obliged for any amount you can spare.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Thos. L. Acton
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 5th 5

Sir;

I will thank you to send me a copy of "Department Circular No. 113, of 1881" in regard to ordering books and blanks. I have occasion to refer to it, but find there is no copy of it on file here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

LRb

(28—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 5th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No 5064	favor	Handy & Cronise	for	$22.819.72
5065	"	Clark, Dodge & Co	"	$21.778.36
5066	"	Zinn Cancelled	"	$
5067	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank & N.Y.	"	$61.909.36
5068	"	Zimmermann & Forsbay	"	$51.177.53
5069	"	Handy & Cronise	"	$24.165.52

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 7-28-85. 1000]

I enclose herewith Check No 5066 - Cancelled -

L.P.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 5th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Zimmermann & Forshay New York. per letter of advice dated Nov 27th 5

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	24.622.50
Fine Weight,	ozs.	24.509.77
Value @ 1.0345 per oz. fine,	$	25.355.36

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Yello

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 8th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Zimmerman & Forshay New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 7th 1885

Parcel Weight,	ozs.	24.993.50
Fine Weight	ozs.	24.968.51
Value @ 1.0350	per oz. fine, $	25.842.41

Superintendent.

SRP

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 5th. 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Selark. Bridge & Co.

New York

per letter of advice

dated Nov 24th. 1885

Fineness Weight	gs.	100.613.30
Fine Weight	gs.	100.499.59
Value @ 1.0330	per oz. fine, $	103.816.06

Superintendent

LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 5th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Boston & Colorado Smlt'g Co. Argo. Col per letter of advice, dated 11/24 1885

Invoice Weight, ozs. 60.003.50

Fine Weight, ozs. 59.920.02

Value @ 1.0332 per oz fine, $ 61.909.36

[signature]
Superintendent

5 Dec 5

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit Lowie's Monthly report of Gold and Silver Workings here during October

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

December 5th 85

Sir;

I will thank you to send me 500 copies of Department Circulars No 22. Secretary's Office Feby. 16. 1885 directing the discontinuance of the coinage of 1¢ and 5¢ pieces. We have daily use for them in returning remittances for those coins, and have not a two days supply on hand.

In reference to the last paragraph of the circular, a copy of which marked, is herewith enclosed, it is proper to state, for the information of the Department, that my correspondents advise me repeatedly that contrary to the directions of the Circular, these

minor coins cannot be had at the Sub-Treasuries in Cincinnati, Chicago, New York and Baltimore. Repeated applications at the counter at each of those offices, only result in disappointment. The coins cannot be had.

Since this coinage was discontinued and our supply exhausted I have received from all parts of the Union, notably the West and South, remittances for minor coins to the amount of $110,000 and unmeans inquiries besides, begging to know where and how they can be procured.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Recd

December 5th 6

Sir;

The two enclosed bills in duplicate of Orr and Hess Machine Company, Limited, $125.- and $2469.25 respectively, against this Mint for work done and materials furnished during the last fiscal year, and prior to my accession to office, have been placed in my hands for transmission to your office for payment out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for that year for the contingent expenses of this Mint.

As I am not responsible for this indebtedness in any way,

I leave the settlement of the bills to the judgment of the Department, without any comment on my part.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7: Decem 5

Received from Hon. Dan. M. Fox, Superintendent, Three Springfield Rifles Model of 1873, Nos. 88.071, 88.108, and 163.532 and 23 rounds of Ammunition; and three Colt's pistols Nos. 49.001, 49.035, and 49.585 and 42 rounds of Ammunition, for the use of guards of the Treasury Vaults in the Post Office Building

Thos J. Gibson

Officer in Charge, Guard

Also 1 Inhausen Tell tale Clock T.J.G.

Philadelphia Pa.
Dec 5

Nov 30th 1885

I.O. 12.995 for $1000.000 Credited Nov 30th 1885
as per your telegram of same date.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Supt. U.S. Mint.

F.K.T.

Dec 7th

1.604.022 504
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1,1 [illegible]

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2,062 [illegible]

(See Telegram 8th inst.)

Jas. P. Kimball

[illegible]

LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 1st 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. B. Colgate & Co New York per letter of advice.

Dated Dec 2d 1885

Invoice Weight	oz	40.565.10
Net Weight	ozs	40.485.36
Value @ 1.0350	per oz. fine, $	41.902.35

[signature]

Superintendent.

Dec 4th 5

50/0	J. B. Colgate & Co.	41.861.81
50/1	Zimmermann & Forshay	29.879.52
50/2	Handy & Veronica	70.316.26

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7. Dec. 5

Dear Sir.

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully

D. McFox

Superintendent.

Mr George Bones

Palmerstonth

184-B

8. Decem 1885

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully
W M Fox
Superintendent

Jno Ellis Esqr
Adjuster of Scales & Weights

7 Dec: 5

Sir,

Our vaults have been so overloaded with the Continual Coinage that it has been necessary for some days past to store it temporarily in an apartment outside of the vaults and place a guard at the door for its protection.

This having become necessary in two different rooms in the building, I began to be very uneasy and to day took possession of the vaults at the Post office Building, although one of them has not yet been finished. I placed there Two hundred thousand (200.000) Dollars and will every day continue

to store the overflow and so materially reduce the amount in the vaults themselves here.

I have taken all reasonable precautions for its security and hope to find that it will meet with your approval

The other vault is promised me by Wednesday night

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7. Dec. 5

Sir;

The Gold Bullion and Clippings specified in your 2 letters of Nov. 30th by Express and Registered Mail respectively have been received and will be assayed and reported upon in compliance with your request

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Posey S. Wilson Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Denver
Colo.

7: Dec 5—

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1889 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7: Decem. 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 1889 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 33 received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 3rd inst.

Very respectfully

Saml M Fox

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq

Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office

Charlotte

N. C.

5 Dec. 5

Sir;

Remittances 33 & 34 of Gold Bullion has been received by Express as per letters of advice and memos. therein enclosed of the 3rd. and 5th. inst.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Ret'd

December 8th 5

Sir;

You will please prepare forty (40) pairs of Standard Silver dollar Dies of the Calender year 1886, for the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Fox
Superintendent

Charles E. Barber Esq
Engraver U. S. Mint.

LRLs

(85—A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 8th 1885.

Sir.

I have this day check—

No. 5013, favor Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $70.972.35

5014, " Handy & Harman " $101.000.-

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 1-28-85. 1000]

9: Dec'r 5

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3884, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed, I have transferred Nathan S. Beckley, assistant Foreman in the Coining Room, in his department to the position of Chief Weigher in the same department, at $5.00 per diem, vice Ezra Calhoun, deceased - to date from Confirmation, and submit the case for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9: Dec. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1896 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully —
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

9: Decr 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No 1896 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 34 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
NC

9: Decem 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of the following named persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:-

Joseph Fite, Adjuster of Scales, General Dep't
William Bott, Blacksmith, " " and
Joseph Hirst, Gasfitter, " "

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Dan'l McFox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.R.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 9th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5075, favor Clark, Dodge & Co., for $ 11.013.45

" 5076, " Handy & Cronise, " $ 57.439.60

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-26-85. 1000]

1884

The Mint of the United States,

at

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 9th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Braine New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 2d. 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	100.812.95
Fine Weight,	ozs.	100.406.24
Value @ 1.0270	per oz. fine, $	104.231.19

Supt
Superintendent.

LRB

Dec 9th 5

Sir.

I beg to respectfully request that a transfer be made to my credit with the Asst Treasurer U. S. New York, of say One Million Dollars ($1.000.000) to enable me to make prompt payments for Silver Bullion to be delivered on the present contracts.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

9 Decem. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Copy of a letter from Mr R. A. McClure Curator of the Cabinet, stating that Mr H. F. Newlin had handed him a Quarter Eagle of 1826 for examination and offered to exchange it for two of our pattern pieces of which we have duplicates, to wit: a Dieme (dime) of 1792 in Copper, and a 20 cent piece of 1874. Mr McClure considers the exchange desirable as we have no Quarter Eagle of 1826 and we have 2 sets of the pieces asked for in exchange and would be enabled to spare one set without

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breaking our collection

You will see by reading the Copy of his letter that he favors the exchange and I concur with him in his opinion, that it would be a profitable exchange to us.

I however will not act in the matter without your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

December 9th 5

Sir

Mr. H. F. Newlin has handed me a quarter eagle of 1826 for examination and has offered to exchange it for two of our pattern coins, of which we have duplicates, viz. a Disme (dime) of 1792, in copper, and a twenty cent piece of 1874. I think the exchange would be desirable, and from what I can learn by looking over Catalogues of coin sales, we would have the best of the bargain. Mr. J. C. Randall has a specimen of the 1826 quarter eagle, for which he asks $200 (dollars). This I think is much to high. I do not think our two pattern pieces would bring

[illegible] each in the Market or [illegible] public sale.

We would be benefited in the exchange, as our gold series would [illegible] expense, and we would, still have on hand a good specimen of each of the coins given in exchange — Very Respectfully,

(Signed) R. A. McClure
Curator

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

LRC

Dec 10th 1885

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith the following bids for 80 Bbls Sweeps offered for sale at this Mint on the 3d inst. viz.

E. Balbach & Son.	Newark. N.J.	offer	$2,775.70
L. Wollstein & Bien	New York.	"	2,744.04
Howard & Löhle	"	"	2,675.00
A. W. Spear & Son	"	"	2,506.00
C. F. Croselmire	Newark. N.J.	"	2,293.74
C. S. Dennis	"	"	2,000.00

The bid of Messrs E. Balbach & Son of Newark N.J. being the highest and best, I respectfully recommend its acceptance.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
[illegible]

LRC

(88-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 10th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 5077	favor	Handy & Cronise	for $	6.991.05
" 5078	"	J. B. Colgate & Co.	" $	17.341.78
" 5079	"	Clark, Dodge & Co	" $	39.200.66
" 5080	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N. Y.	" $	30.048.87
"	"		" $	
"	"		" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York

(Rp 7-28-85. 1000)

LR6

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 10th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Handy & Cronise New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 4th 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	124.365.19
Fine Weight,	ozs.	124.155.84
Value @ 1.0384 per oz fine,	$	128.550.96

[signature]

Superintendent.

Dec 10th 5

Geo. P. Kimball

Dec 16th 5

Clark, Dodge & Co.

New York

Dec 8th 5

Invoice Weight 98.084.40

Bond Weight 97.884.78

Value @ 1.0350 per oz. fine $ 101.310.74

[illegible]

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 16th. 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Zimmermann & Forshay New York per letter of advice dated Dec 8th. 1885

Invoice Weight,	oz	27.000.-
Fine Weight,	oz	21.467.56
Value @ 1.0350	per oz. fine, $	22.239.62

Superintendent

The Mint of the United States,

at

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dec 16th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Harman New York *per letter of advice, dated* Dec 8th 1885

Invoice Weight,	*ozs.*	111.043.45
Fine Weight,	*ozs.*	96.11v.48
Value @ 1.0150	*per oz. fine, $*	187.959.57

Superintendent.

M.F.L.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

16: December 5

Sir

I have the honor to state that in pursuance of the directions contained in your communication of the 15th inst. covering draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City for $100.—, a like amount of one cent bronze coins of the current year, was this day shipped to R. E. Preston, Esqr., Mint Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington D.C.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Philadelphia

30th November 5

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November 5

1,217.674.463 22.654,408.61

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H. S. Cochran

Saml M Fox

17: Decem. 5

Sir;

You will coin as early as practicable during the current month "two millions in gold coins of the denominations of eagles and half eagles"

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

W. S. Steel Esqr
Coiner

17: Decem: 5

Sir;

I have been directed to coin as early as practicable during the current month "two millions in gold coins of the denominations of Eagles and Half Eagles."

You will please furnish ingots accordingly.

Very respectfully

Adam Mint

Superintendent

J. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

17: Decem. 5

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit State-
ment of Silver purchased here from the
1st to the 15th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
D M Haig
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Dec 17th 1885

Sir,

Messrs Zimmermann & Forshay. 19. Wall St. New York, request a further supply of Invoice Blanks for the delivery of Silver Bars.

Kindly forward them an amount such as you may deem proper and oblige

Yours very Respectfully

Wm M Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Pages 255 & 256 (Cancelled)

See pages 262 & 263

17: Decem 5

Sir;

The two books "M. & R.'s Deposit Gold No. 1" & "M. & R.'s Deposit Silver No. 1," specified in your letter of the 16th inst., have been received by Express and delivered to the Melter & Refiner.

They were formerly in this Mint, but I believe were ordered to Washington by your predecessor in office, for what purpose I do not know.

The Melter & Refiner is now using corresponding books No. 2, which will last him to the close of the present century

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 17th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5094,	favor	J. & R. Seligman & Co	for	$ 54.850.06
" 5095,	"	Clark Dodge & Co	"	$ 54.944.63
" 5096,	"	Zimmermann & Forsberg	"	$ 7.592.79
" 5097,	"	Handy & Cronise	"	$ 22.000.—
"	"		"	$
"	"		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

SBB.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 17th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from J. & H. Seligman & Co New York. per Date of advice,

dated Dec 15th 1885

Bounce Weight,	ozs.	53.465.75
Fine Weight,	ozs.	53.397.64
Value @ 1.0272	per oz. fine, $	54.850.06

Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent.

Silver

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 17th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Clark, Dodge & Co New York. per letter of advice dated Dec 15th 1885

Invoice Weight,	oz.	53.590.00
Fine Weight,	oz.	53.500.13
Value @ 1.0770	per oz. fine, $	54.944.63

Superintendent.

Bill 5

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Dec 17th 1885

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1,941,425.397 fine ounces, together with 91,070 Fine } 349 Lock } gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases - - - - - - - - 1,254,965.955 fine ounces

Domestic and Parted - - - - - - - - 9,297.306 " "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[Ed. 15-29-83—800.]

LRB

18: Dec: 5

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith return bill of The Phosphor Bronze Smelting Co: for $2.40 with my signature properly added to the approval stamp

In reference to voucher 497, Horace Binder's bill of $75.75 for printing, I beg to state that it was for printing blank forms for daily reports to the Superintendent, of bullion operations in the Operative and General Departments (and other matter) authorized by the Acting Director under date of Sep: 22 nd. (a copy of which I enclose herewith), the forms being needed for immediate use.

In explanation of the transaction I also enclose a copy of my letter on the subject to you, dated Sep. 14th and Acting-Director Preston's letter of Sep: 22nd. When Mr. Preston's letter was received I invited proposals for the work from several of our best known printers, by circular letters, and Mr. Snider's, being the lowest, was accepted.

Your letter of the 3rd. Sept, suggested that the Department Expenses could be kept in any ordinary Ledger which last I procured under a presumable authorization contained therein, as I had none of any kind in Stock.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Continued

Chagres 31st 5

Sir,

In order to enable me to comply with your instructions under date of the 20th inst, requesting me to adopt a system of Departmental Expense accounts, it is necessary that I should be furnished with a suitable set of books for that purpose.

To this end I submit herewith for approval blank form of books for the six Departments named i.e.,

General Department

Metal Refiners "

Coiners "

Engravers "

Assayers "

Mechanical "

Kindly examine them and if satisfactory have

the forefront and forwarded as soon as possible, or anchorage one to obtain them in this City.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Duncan M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Treasury Department (Copy)
Bureau of the Mint
Washington D. C. September 3rd 1845

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo, enclosing blank forms of books for use in the departments of your Mint, in order to enable you to carry out the System of departmental expense accounts suggested in my letter of the 20th ultimo. I would state that the forms sent you, and filled the headings of the blanks forwarded by you are a copy, were intended only for Statements, and not as a guide for keeping the debit and credit accounts referred to in your letter.

The accounts suggested,

to be kept in any ordinary ledger, the object being to show the cost of each department, and consequently, I do not consider the preparation of books with the headings forwarded by you, necessary.

The forms are herewith returned

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Jas P. Kimball

Director

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Supt, U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

(Copy)

September 11th 5

Sir

Enclosed please find blank forms A A1, A2 A3 A4 B and C respectively, which I desire to have printed for immediate use in this Institution.

Also a blank schedule for offering Sweeps for sale, and receipts for silver bullion checks.

Please authorize me to have them printed here, in order that time may be saved in obtaining them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Daniel M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington D.C. September 22nd 1885.

Sir;

I return herewith the samples of blanks transmitted in your letter of the 14th inst, and, as requested in letter of yesterday authority is hereby granted you to have the same printed, their preparation here in a less period than a month or six weeks, being impracticable,

Very Respectfully,
(signed) L. E. Preston
Acting Director,

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia Pa.

L.R.C.

Dec 18th 5

Statement of

Director of the Mint

Zimmermann & Forsbay

New York.

dated Dec 12th 5

Income Weight		19.774.28
Fine Weight		19.748.26
Value @ 1.0310	per oz fine $	20.360.46

[signature]

Superintendent

Feb

The Mint of the United States

at

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 15th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. B. Ladgate & Co. New York per letter of advice dated Dec 8th 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	25.209.50
Fine Weight,	ozs.	25.164.99
Value @ 1.0280	per oz. fine, $	26.045.11

Superintendent

LRC

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 18th 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5098,	favor	Zimmermann & Forshay	for	$ 28.831.64 ✓
" 5099,	"	J. B. Colgate & Co	"	$ 8.720.00 ✓
" 5100,	"	Clark Dodge & Co	"	$ 44.267.08 ✓
" 5101,	"	Handy & Cronise	"	$ 15.126.96 ✓
"	"		"	$
"	"		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Dan Wilson

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

18: Decem. 5

Sir;

Remittance No. 35 from your office has been received as per letter of advice and memo enclosed of the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Dec 5

My dear Sir;

I have received your polite note of resignation from this institution.

In acknowledging it it is due to you, and a pleasure to me, to say that in my visits to the large room in which you have performed your labors, I have been favorably struck with the assiduity and attention you have given to your duties: and I may further say I regard them as having been skilfully performed. I speak most sincerely as I did not contemplate making any change in your case.

Yr

I trust in the new position to which you have been appointed - with the Treasurer of the City - you will, in like manner command his respect and kindly feeling. I am sure from my personal experience with you in the past, he will find you to be an attentive and faithful officer.

With by best wishes for your future welfare

I am very cordially yours

Superintendent

Mr Archibald L Frazier
c/o John M. Frazier
118 S. 33rd St
Philad'a

19. Decem. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of Gold and Silver workings here during November

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
David Potter
Superintendent

Hon: James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 19th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co. New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 15th 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	48.476.30
Fine Weight,	ozs.	48.375.07
Value @ 1.0271 per oz. fine, $		49.686.03

[signature]

Superintendent.

LRC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 19th 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Cronise New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 11th 1885

Invoice Weight,	oz.	51.374.05
Fine Weight,	oz.	51.276.62
Value @ 1.0310	per oz. fine, $	52.866.20

Paul M. Fox
Superintendent

LRC

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 19th 1885.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No. 5102, favor Handy & Cronise for $ 15.125.96 ✓
" 5103, " Zimmermann & Forsbay " $ 5.010.38 ✓
" 5104, " Clark, Dodge & Co. " $ 5.418.95 ✓
" " " $
" " " $
" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 1-24-85. 1000]

21: Decemb. 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: 1937 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 35 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 18th inst.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

U. Decem. 5

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1957 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21. December 5

Sir,

In accordance with your suggestion I have conferred with Mr Adrien the Agent of the Adams Express Co. as to the Charge for transporting the Coin from the Mint to the Post Office Vaults.

He says the charge so far as he is aware, from the beginning has been, and will in the future continue to be, at the rate of 25 ¢ per bag of 1000 dollars, for local transmission and the guarantee for safe delivery will be maintained from the time it is placed upon their wagons at the Mint until it is delivered at the vaults.

These are the best terms that I can

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procure and they are submitted for your consideration and advice

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: Decem. 5

Sir;

In our conversation on Saturday I apprised you of the fact that in the departments at work the material to be operated upon is weighed in the morning before it is delivered over, and at night after the work is finished it is again weighed - the purpose of which is of course obvious to you.

In the Coiner's department a Mr. Garrett represents that officer as Assistant Weigher, and as I had no one especially deputed to represent me in that weighing process, I called upon Mr. Baldwin who is marked on the rolls as

"Assistant".

He is quite accurate in his calculations and has served me to good purpose. Since Nov. 17th he has worked over the usual time 146 hours.

On an examination of the book of regulations I find myself embarrassed upon the subject of payment to him for his extra work. He is simply marked as "Assistant," but what that means I do not know, and I submit this communication, with the desire, if I can see my way consistently with the rules to pay him what he has justly earned for his overtime.

I notice in the rules and regulations that the Superintendent has the

right to call upon any of the Clerks, Assistants, other Officers, and Employés for service when and as long as the business of the institution would seem to him to require it, and that they should be paid for over time, with the exception of Salaried Officers, Assistants, and Clerks. Technically, he is, under this statement, deprived from receiving the extra compensation. The "Assistants" so-called, without any other qualifications are detailed at times for whatever duties would seem to be within the scope of their ability, mostly for clerical work; but we have "Assistant Courier", "Assistant Weigher", "Assistant Foreman" & as he knew to find the mode of paying him, I do

not know, unless, I could have the word "Assistant" incorporated with some other, or put him under some other designation.

I do not feel justified in having him stay here until late at night waiting for the workmen to get through and then weigh up the material they have been operating upon without compensation for such time, and yet I wish for some one to remain to realize that the quantity that went into the Departments came out of them.

I would thank you for your advice and suggestions upon the subject

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: Decem: 5.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under Sect: 3307 Revised Statutes, I have appointed, George Carter, a resident of this State, a Laborer, in the General Department of this Mint, at a compensation of $2.75 per diem - vice John Horan, appointed Fireman - to date from confirmation, and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

21: Decem. 5

Sir;

I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, by the Adams Express Co: the following dies for the calendar year 1866 as part of your requisition of the 7th inst: viz

10 Obverse Standard Dollar Nos 1 to 10 inclusive
10 Reverse " " " 1 " 10 "

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint

December 21st 5

Sir.

Respectfully acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst, reporting an error of twelve cents in the charge of the Adams Express Company, June bill, 3rd Quarter, 1854, for the transportation of 1.000 Standard Silver dollars from Philadelphia to Grand City, Kansas, $6.77 instead of $6.65, I beg to state that there was a change in the official rate subsequent to the payment of the bill, and the excess of twelve cents has now been refunded.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Millward
Superintendent

Hon Jas. P. Kimball:
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Dec 21st 5

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith the bill in duplicate for $255.00, being the value of 10 pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies, prepared for, and transmitted to the Mint U. S. New Orleans in conformity with your instructions of the 8th inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon. Jas. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 21st 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5105, favor Handy & Cronise for $ 28.497.95

5106 " Zimmermann & Forsbay " $ 10.968.76

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 7-28-85. 1000]

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 21st 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Zimmerman & Dooley New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 15th 1885

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	39.260.15
Fine Weight,	ozs	39.208.81
Value @ 1.17	per oz. fine, $	50.215.20

Superintendent.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Dec 21st 1835

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.959.118.380 fine ounces together with 1.393± Local ounces of assayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:—

Treasury Purchases	1.434.394.[illegible]	Fine Ounces.
Domestic and Parted	9.986.418	

Very respectfully,

Your Ob. Hble. servant,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 22d 1885

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Zimmermann & Fadeny New York per letter of advice, dated Dec 18th 1885

Invoice Weight, oz. 11.320.25

Fine Weight, ozs. 11.228.39

Value @ 1.0265 per oz. fine, $ 11.526.92

[signature]

Superintendent.

Sec'd

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 22d, 1885.

Sir.

I draw this day check

No 5101, favor Handy & Harman, for $20.000.

" 5102 " Zimmerman & Forshay, " $11.523.79

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Wm M Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Rev. 7-23-85. 1000]

22: Decem: 5

Sir;

I attach hereto two slips from the newspapers;- one relating to a seal for the Senate of the United States, another speaking of medals for the "Fortem Stope" &c.

I beg to say that both of these seem to be Government work, and they ought to be done by the Government, and not by private hands and relying upon individual genius for the proper insignia and ornamental work upon them. We have in our Engravers Department what is said to be equal, if not superior to any talent, for invention, skill, and contrivance,

to be found anywhere, and it does seem to me that the Government ought not to overlook their own artists.

The thought strikes me that a word from the Hon: the Secretary of the Treasury might go a good way toward directing the attention of those who control the production of such material were it presented for his consideration.

I may say with regard to the seal for the Senate of the United States, I am this day informed that one of the private parties, has already called upon one of our artists in this institution to know whether he could not furnish at private times, designs and work for this purpose. This ought not to be. Our institution is

so well equipped that such Government work ought to be done by the Government artists and nobody else.

I may add, when you were here, you saw some of the handiwork in medals of a miscellaneous character produced by Mr Barber the Engraver and his department

I respectfully submit the subject for your consideration

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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23: Decem: 5

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

Can furnish twenty thousand dollars in dimes this month in addition to your previous requisitions

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

23: Decem: 5

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3564 Revised Statutes I have appointed Mary Culligan, Helper in the General Department of the Mint @ $1 25 per diem (to be detailed for duty at the rooms of the Post Office vaults) to date from confirmation and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

December 23rd 5

Sir;

I will thank you to forward me one hundred copies of Department Circular No. 97, July 1. 1885, Treasurers office No. 49, regulating the issue of gold and silver coins &c. I receive numerous remittances, which I am obliged to return, and also inquiries on the subject; and the circulars are needed for the information of my correspondents.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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Dec 24th 5

Handy & Harman

New York
Dec 15th 5

51.479.55
51.393.09
1.07.75 52.806.40

Superintendent

LRb

(86—a.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 24th, 1885.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5109, favor Handy & Crouier, for $ 4.308.45

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Eo. 7-28-85. 1000]

F.H.O.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dec 24th 1885

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.884.476.124 fine ounces, together with 1904 Local gross ounces unassayed.

The amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases	1469.280.900	fine Ounces.
Domestic and Parted	11.832.900	" "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

Wm M Fox

Superintendent.

25: Decem 5

Sir;

I have the honor to receive your letter of 23rd. inst. approving of the charge of 25¢ per thousand dollars, assuming it to be the lowest rate I can arrange for the Adams Express Company to transport Coin from this institution to the Mint Office vaults for storage. The matter shall receive immediate attention.

I desire to say that I have before me at this time a printed Copy of a contract the original of which I apprehend is in your Department, between the United States by John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, on the one part, and the Adams

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Express Company, by William B. Dinsmore, as President of the other part under date Feb'y 1st 1879, in which I read by the first item that "the United States" "agrees to employ the said company as its exclusive agent for the transportation of all moneys and securities belonging to the United States and to give to it as such Agent for transportation all such moneys and securities of every kind which are to be transferred from one point to any other within the territorial limits of this contract."

I understand this to mean that the contract must be made with the Adams Express Co: and I apprehend that 25¢ per thousand for the services spoken

of with the assurance or guarantee of safe delivery at the vaults, is the best arrangement that can be made.

Under the advice contained in your letter referred to I will conclude an arrangement with the Superintendent of that Company stationed here

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan M Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

26. Dec: 5

Sir;

In regard to the communication from J. J. Schweisthal Esq. Assistant Treasurer United States Chicago, Ill., under date 21st, addressed to yourself reporting shortage of 50 ¢ each of 3 bags of $1000 each in dimes aggregating $150 - in the Transfer order No. 12993, I have the honor to return the same with a note from Mr M. H. Cobb our Cashier appended thereto, showing that this coin was taken from the Monitors Scales and sealed up in a bag without further handling, adding that he could not qualify as to the absolute correctness of the scales

but they were tested before delivery of Coin.

I also made inquiry of Mr William S. Steel, Coiner, who has responded in writing under this current date saying that in preparing dimes for delivery the custom is to first Count 1000 pieces on a board used for the purpose and test them by weighing and again weigh them when made in one thousand dollar drafts and when finally delivered to the Cashier are weighed in his presence: that the Counters in his department Messrs Fuller, Jenny, Dorff, and Yerger were experienced and careful counters, and he did not think it possible that a mistake occurred here — a copy of which letter is hereto appended.

I have confidence in both the note of Mr. Cashier Cobb, and the letter of Mr. Steel and accordingly submit them both for your consideration

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: C. N. Jordan
Treas: of the United States
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.

Copy/ Coiners Department.

December 26th 1885

Hon. Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir,

In refference to the three bags of Dimes said to be short 15 pieces referred to in the letter of the Ass. Treasurer at Chicago, I have the honor to state that in preparing Dimes for delivery the custom is to first count 1000 pieces on a board used for the purpose and test them by weighing, and again weigh them when made up in Rolls, Drafts, and when finally delivered to the Cashier are weighed in his presence. The Counters in the Dept, Miss Fuller, Coxon, Duff & George are experienced and careful Counters and I dont think it possible that a mistake occured here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. A. Steel Coiner

F. H. T.

Dec 28th 5

Sir:

I have the honor to report [illegible] the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand of the [illegible] of business this day [illegible] 1.906.390.368 [illegible] together with 660 Local. [illegible] unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases	1469.280.933	[illegible]
Domestic and Parted	14.281.066	" "
Bullion received from [illegible] and [illegible] during the month	51.950.493	" "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[Ed. 10-29-'83—500.]

28. Decem. 5

Sir;

About a week ago I was apprised that the Balance Coined to the Department at Washington had been shipped to this institution. It has not yet reached us.

I am impressed with the thought that it ought to be looked after. Will you kindly have the matter attended to as we want it very badly here.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon: James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: Dec'r 5

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs Mary Culigan, recently appointed Helper in the General Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: Decr 5

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Can furnish Five thousand dollars in dimes tomorrow morning"

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Vaal McVee
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29: Decem 5

Sir;

I have the honor to return the bills of The Orr & Hess Machine Co: Limited which were referred to me for investigation and report;

On carefully examining them I found they embraced two items, one of $775.00 and another of $1500.00 with a supplement of $3.00 making $1505.00, each of which covered a variety of material, the only mention of price being the aggregate. Another feature was that Prof: Booth, Melter and Refiner certified to so much as belonged to his Department as being

correct for "measures and work", so qualifying it that nothing is said about price or value. The others were certified to as "Correct" by "W.H. Webb" and "correct, M. Speche." Both of these gentlemen say they meant by that simply that the material had been received, not knowing anything about prices or values. I referred the bills to Mr Steel, Coiner, who confirmed the statement verbally of the other certifying parties that the articles were received. He also assured me that he had no knowledge of price or of value. I instructed him to require a more specifically itemized bill from the above named firm. This they forwarded

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but the singular feature was presented of a difference between the aggregate of cost as itemized and the original bills. The latter made the charges in connection with the draw bench $775 and for the milling machine $1505: while these charges in the itemized bills were respectively $791" and $1522 25 and the firm account for this difference by saying "that it could not be got-ten at any closer at this late period," and that they will make no charge for the excess but will accept the amount of the original bills. The difference led me to further question whether they had any entries upon their books in the way of items and I have concluded from

the developments that they had no original entry of items and that they had made the entries since the bills were presented. I may here say there seems to have been no understanding between the contracting parties as to what the prices should be for these articles. I then instructed Mr Steel to address a communication again to the firm asking for an explanation how it occurred that there was a difference between the detailed statements and the original bill. The answer of even date with this develops the curious feature. They say that in order to present their bill so as to have the amount reserved from last years appropriation they were compelled to estimate

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the cost of milling machines and work for draw-benches as they were not yet completed when the bills were made out" and the difference appears

I may further say that I have just had an interview with Mr William H. Webb who certified to the items embraced in the aggregated sum of $775. He says they have the material here but it has never been put into service, as the old machinery has answered up to the present time

Under all the circumstances of the case I feel I can but submit the facts as elicited, for your consideration.

Accompanying this please find copies of the correspondence between Mr Steel and Otis & Hess

Machine Co. Limited, as also the original bills and the subsequently itemized ones

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon: James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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(Copy)

December 26th 5

Hon. Danl. M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir,

I have the honr to transmit herewith the bills of the Orr & Lessi Machine Co, maing June 30th 1885, marked for the articles therein mentioned as being received, and under your instructions I have requested from the Company that a bill of the separate items be rendered, which they have done, so far as relates to the Draw benches marked #2, and Milling Machine marked #3, the other articles not requiring further itemizing.

You will notice on the original bill

that the charges in connection with the Draw benches &c are $775 — and — for the milling machine &c $1505. and in the itemized for the same amount for the Draw benches aggregate $791 11/100 and the milling machine $1522 25/100 the difference the Company say cannot be gotten at any closer at this late period, but they will make no charge for the difference, accepting the amount of the lumped bill.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) W. S. Steel
Coinse

(Copy)

Coroners Department
December 29. 5

Hon. Danl. M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir.

Relative to the bills of the Orr & Lees Machine &c. dated June 26th 1885, in so far as they relate to this Department, I have the honor to state, that the bill for the clock marked #1, was delivered in September and taken from here for some alteration, and then adjusted to the rolls about Oct—ober 3rd

Item marked #2, were received here about the same time and intended for equipments for the Draw benches, as duplicates to supply the place of those in use in case of accident.

The Milling Machine & marked
#3, was put in place in September and
afterwards a brace was adjusted to the
jaw for milling Large medals, Am-
plifying the machine about the Middle
of November.

After the final delivery of the
articles belonging to this Department,
then the bills were marked as having
received the articles.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant
(Signed) W. S. Steel
Carrier

Miners Dept.
December 29th 5

Hon. Dan'l. M. Fox
Superintendent.-

Sir:—

I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Orr & Hess Machine Co. in reply to mine of yesterday, sent them in accordance with your request, asking for information relative to the difference in the amount in the detailed statement rendered, and that in the original bill as presented for materials furnished just prior to June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) W. S. Steel.
Comr.

(copy)

(copy)

Philadelphia Dec. 29th 1885.

Wm. S. Steel,
Coiner U. S. Mint

Dear sir:-

Your favor of the 28th inst. is received. In answer to your inquiry for explanation of difference between bill and detailed statements, we have to say; that in order to present our bill so as to have the amount of money reserved from last years appropriation, we were compelled to estimate the cost of Milling Machine and work for draw benches as they were not quite completed when the bills were made out and thus the difference appears; as our detailed statements presented are complete accounts of all the material and time expended in performing the work as on our books.

We only ask the amount paid us to be the amount of bills originally sent.

Very respectfully yours,

(signed) Orr & Hess Machine Co. lim.

30. Dec. 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Silver melting Statement of the Melter & Refiner for the month of November ultimo.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint

December 30th 5

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a Ledger of 500 pages, a sample leaf of which is herewith enclosed, be forwarded to me for the use of the Storekeeper of this Mint. As it is a plain, unprinted Ledger, I presume the Department has them in stock and can furnish one without much delay. The exact number of pages is not material. Anywhere from 300 to 500 pages will do.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]
Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

30: Decem: 5

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th. inst. and telegram of this date, I have the honor to say, that in my letter of the 20th. Ulto: addressed to your Office on the subject of vouchers 278 and 314 – bills of the Otis Hoists Machine Company, Limited – and in reply to your letter of the 10th. Ulto directing that the vouchers be examined and that I report whether the articles charged in the bills had been received, I stated that from all the information I had been able to obtain, I was led to "the impression that the articles specified in both bills were all received."

I further added that "none of those who signed as to correctness" knew "anything about the rates or prices or about the items of time charged"; and enclosed copies of Correspondence with various officers in the Mint and others who had formerly been in the Mint employ, showing that I had not been able to verify the correctness of the charges other than for goods and material, - and submitting the same to your office.

The vouchers were retained here awaiting a rejoinder: They are herewith returned to you

I am Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31: Decem: 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following named Coins reserved from the deliveries of the Coiner during the current month for special assay:—

12 Standard Dollars
4 Quarter "
2 Half "
40 Dimes
2 Eagles
8 Half Eagles @ 5 Dollars;

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31st 1885

Sir,

In reference to the suggestion contained in your letter of yesterday (E.O.L.), I may say that the sum of $[illegible] the net proceeds of a sweep bar received at this Mint during the 3rd Quarter 1885. from the Boise City Assay Office for coinage and deposit with the Ass't Treasurer here, was passed through the profit & Loss a/c. by Mr Cowperthwaite, my Bookkeeper, as a matter of business prudence, he deeming it his duty to make upon the face of his Ledger a clear and distinct entry of the transaction. He states that he was not aware that any objection would be made to his spreading the fact upon his Ledger, and for that reason, naturally took the item up in his quarterly accounts, the explanatory note accompanying the entry showing that it was not a profit to this Mint. Prior to the present fiscal year, I am informed, that it had been the practice of the Chief Clerk to deposit such sums

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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in the Treasury, having no other record of it than the Certificate of Deposit and the Copy of the letter of transmittal. Mr. Coopersmith felt that this was not a very satisfactory manner of dealing with the moneys belonging to the Government, and accordingly adopted the course in question. If this method is not approved, I would be glad to have your views as to any other mode, as we clearly ought to have an entry of the transaction of some kind, on our books.

Very Respectfully,

Wm M Fox

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

31 Decem

~~9 Novem.~~ 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect: 350 of Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein enclosed I have appointed Charles E. Knight, now a Carpenter in the General Department of the Mint to be a Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Department – vice Hugh Hawkins removed – to date from confirmation, and submit the same for your approval. [illegible]

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31: Decem: 5

Sir;

I herewith transmit statement of old material sold, together with Certificate of Deposit No. 6454 for the amount $6.11 deposited this day, with the Assistant Treasurer United States at Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31 Decr 5

Sir;

I herewith transmit the Assayers Statement of fees received during the Quarter ending to day for Assays of Jewellers bars, plate and bullion; together with Certificate of Deposit No. 61455 for the amount $65 deposited this day with the Assistant Treasurer, United States at Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[redacted]
Superintendent

Hon: James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21 Decem. 5

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the reports of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the Month and year ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[redacted]
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31. December 5

Sir;

"Two thirds of the Gold Coinage executed at "this Mint" during the month of January 1886 will be in the denomination of Half-Eagles; one third in Eagles"

Very respectfully

W. A. Fox

Superintendent

J. C. Booth Esq.
M. & R.

21: Decem. 5

Sir; "

Two thirds of the Gold Coinage execut-
ed "at this Mint" during the month of
January 1886 will be in the denomination
of Half-Eagles; one third in Eagles"

Very respectfully

Superintendent

W. S. Stewart
Comptroller

[illegible]

Dec 31st 5

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.658.373.192 [illegible] together with [illegible] gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases	1.069.281.570
Domestic and Parted	15.566.[illegible]
Bullion [illegible] during the month [illegible]	51.900.[illegible] " "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Jas. P. Kimball

[illegible]

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[illegible]

See page 334 for "Agreement"

31. Decem. 5

Sir;

Agreeably to your suggestion I have concluded an agreement in writing with the Adams Express Company for the transportation of Coin from the Mint to the Post Office vaults upon the terms submitted to you and approved, and I have the honor to enclose the Agreement herewith - a duplicate copy of the same is in the [illegible] of Mr Rigney the Agent of the Company

Very respectively
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31. Decem 5°

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit Nos. 6453 and 6465 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $3040 & $55 66 deposited on account of "Parting" and "Alloy Charges" respectively

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

It is hereby agreed and understood by and between the Adams Express Company of the one part, and the United States, acting by Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the other part, to wit;- that the said Company shall and will transfer so much of the Silver coin as may be designated by the said Superintendent from the said Mint safely, to the vaults at the Post Office building in Philadelphia at the usual rate charged for such service to wit;- at the rate of twenty five cents (25¢) per one thousand Dollars ($1000) from time to time and at such times as may be required by the said Superintendent: and for the similar service heretofore done as between the said Mint and Post office vaults the Compensation to be at the same rate: And the said the United States by the said Superintendent do hereby agree to pay the compensation for said services at the said rate

to wit twenty five (25) cents for every One thousand (1000) Dollars, so Delivered.

Witness the hands and Seals of John N. Rigney Superintendent for the Adams Express Company and Daniel M. Fox Superintendent, of the United States Mint on behalf of the United States respectively this Thirty first day of December One thousand eight hundred and eighty five (1885)

Adams Express Co
By J. N. Rigney Supt
Daniel M. Fox
Supt U.S. Mint

Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of

Louis Brown
M. F. Locke

Dec.r 31 5

31st day of December 5

2.539.294.50

19.576 547.86

17.270.50

3.869.87

22.186.952.93

Superintendent

LRC

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

1st Mo. 2d 1866.

Sir

I draw this day check -

No. 5110, favor Handy & Cronise for $83.000

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[illegible]

2 Jan'y 6

Sir;

In reply to your telegram of this date directing the suspension of the coinage of gold; and to coin all silver available for that purpose into dimes, I have the honor to state, that the total amount of uncurrent silver coins for recoinage now on hand, available for coinage into dimes, is 48.924 74 ounces standard, equivalent to about $60.000.+ in coin.

I will have this silver converted into dimes at the rate of $20.000 a week, certainly, until it is all Coined, and will make it $25.000 a week if it

shall be possible to do so.

I beg to assure you that I shall make every effort in my power to relieve the pressure upon you for dimes

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
David M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7

SRL

January 2nd 6

Sir:—

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of one Thousand (1,000) dollars payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to meet expenses of the Refinery for the current month.

Very respectfully,
Your Ob't Serv't
Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

LRC

January 2nd 6

Sir:-

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars payable from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver dollars to meet expenses of the current month incurred in the Storage of Standard Silver dollars at the Post Office.

Very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

SRL

January 2d 6

Sir.

Please make a Requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for Eight thousand (8000) Dollars, in my favor, payable from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet, in part, the expenses of that Coinage for the Current month.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

2 Jan'y 1886

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed the following named persons Watchmen in the General Department of the Mint @ $2.75 per diem the appointments to date from Confirmation, and submit the same for your approval :-

Thomas Benz,
Neil Devine
Henry Lewis
} assigned to duty at the vaults in the New Post Office Building

Thomas Thornton
Jeremiah Ryan
Charles Lindenmeier
} in the places of John Jordan, John McKee and Anthony J. Dever

already assigned to duty at said vaults

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
D M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.R.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 4th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Argo. Col per letter of advice dated Dec 22d 1886 [illegible]

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	49.723.00
Fine Weight,	ozs.	49.639.80
Value @ 1.02/5 per oz. fine,	$	51.004.89

[signature]

Superintendent.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 4th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5111, favor Handy & Cronise, for $15.097.20

" 5112, " Fourth National Bank of N.Y. " $51.004.89

" 5113, " Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y. " $27.739.65

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Dan M Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

4 Jany 1

Sir

The number of Silver Dollars to be Coined by this Mint during the Current month has been fixed by the Director at One million Seven Hundred Thousand

Very respectfully

Superintendent

J. C. Booth
Asst

4: Jany 6

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during the Current month has been fixed by the Director at one million seven hundred thousand pieces

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

W. J. Steel Esq
Coiner

4: Jany 6

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of sec: 3504 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendations of the Coiner herein enclosed I have appointed David Lagomarsino, (a Laborer in the General Department) a Cutter in the Coiner's Department of this Mint at a compensation of $2.00 per diem - vice Archibald L. Frazier, resigned, - to take effect on confirmation and submit the same for your approval.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4 Janry 6

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that under section 3507 Revised Statutes I have appointed William G Buchanan, a resident of this State, a Carpenter in the General Department of this Mint — vice Charles Enright transferred — at a compensation of $2.00 per diem to date from confirmation and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4. Jan'y 5

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under section 2504 Revised Statutes I have appointed Dominick McFadden, Laborer in the General Department of the Mint -vice David Sagimarsino appointed Cutter - at $2.75 per diem, to date from confirmation and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4 Janj 5

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3507 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Harry D. Haraan, Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint - vice Thomas Blake, removed - at a Compensation of $2 00 per diem, to take effect on Confirmation and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4: Jany 5

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the statement of silver purchased here from Dec: 16th to 29th 1885

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 4th 6

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst, informing me that books such as the plain Ledger required for the use of my Storekeeper are kept in Stock in the Stationery Division, and can be obtained by requisition "on the Regular Department form", I beg to state that I have blank requisitions for Semi-annual Supplies of Stationery, but have no "Department form" of requisitions for blank books, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly direct that a reasonable number be forwarded. I am advised

that the form referred to has never been in the possession of this Mint, and no one here is familiar with it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D. C.

Feb. 5

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Jany 4th 1896.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1,776,113.071 fine ounces, together with [illegible] gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases - - - - - - - [illegible] Fine Ounces.

Domestic and Parted - - - - - - 1,479.725 " "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. [signature] D.,

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[Ed. 10-29-'83—500.]

LRb

Jany 4th 6

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith the bill in duplicate for $255.80 being the value of 10 pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies, prepared for, and transmitted to the Mint U.S. New Orleans in conformity with your instructions of 8th ulto.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

January 4th 6

Sir,

I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, 10 Pieces, and 10 pieces Standard Silver dollar dies of 1886, each set numbered 14 to 28 inclusive; completing the one half of your requisition of Dec. 7. The remaining 20 pairs will be completed and shipped as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

5. Jany 6

Sir,

Remittances specified in your letter of 31st December has been received as per letter of advice and memos. therein enclosed of that date

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Dorsey S. Wilson Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint
Denver
Cols:

January 6th 6

Sir,

Please furnish me at your earliest convenience, a statement showing the number of Trade Dollars issued at this Mint each fiscal year since June 30. 1878; and the number, if any, remaining on hand.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. L. Steel, Esq
Comptroller

Sir,

I beg to state that the Shipments of and Express charges, cost of Kegs. and bagging on Standard Silver Dollars forwarded from this Mint during the Month of December 1885, were as follows - viz.

Total Shipped	Cost of Bagging	Cost of Kegs.	Express Charges
$2,990,988.-	$209.31/	20 Kegs @ $1 = $20	$1,064.39/

Very Respectfully.

[signature]

Supt.

Hon. C. N. Jordan.

Treasurer. U.S.

Washington, D.C.

January 6th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit a Classified Statement of expenditures of this mint on ordinary account during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1885, which was prior to my accession to office.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

6: Jany

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of sec: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Henry Opper to the position of "Machinist in the Coining room" in this Mint, at the rate of $3.25 per diem — vice Nathan S. Beckley, formerly "Assistant Foreman in the Coining room" who has been transferred to Chief Weigher — to take effect on confirmation and submit the same for your approval —

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th Jany 6

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 8, - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 36, received from your office as per letter of advice and memo: of 30th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

C: Jany 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 8 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C, to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

January 6th 6

Sir,

Your order and remittance of the 5th inst. $20— for a like amount of gold dollars, has been received, and the desired coins have been forwarded to you to-day, by the Adams Express.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Mint Bureau
Washington D.C.

January 6th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit Statements of assay coins reserved and coin deliveries made at this Mint during the months of September, October, November and December, 1885.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

C. January C

Sir

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Charges on Bullion deposited here for the Quarter ending Dec: 31: 1885

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

M. St. L.

January 7th 6

Sir,

In reply to your letter (T) of the 6th inst. with regard to your Transfer Order of Dec. 16th for 1.000 gold dollars, I beg to state that the coins were forwarded to you yesterday, by the Adams Express. When the T.O. was first presented, Dec. 17th, we had no gold dollars, and did not have any until Dec. 28rd. The Express agent did not again present the order until the 6th inst, when the delivery was promptly made.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon J. W. Wheelsley
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.

K&K

January 7th 6

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst. I herewith transmit a statement showing the number of Trade Dollars issued at this Mint during each fiscal year since June 30. 1878, amounting in the aggregate to 6,564.

These were all ~~proof~~ pieces, delivered to the Medal Clerk and sold as proofs in the regular course of business. None were coined during the fiscal year 1884-85, nor were any issued for commercial purposes. The last coinage of those pieces was in Dec. 1883. There are none now remaining on hand.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Svt.

Hon. Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Superintendant

January 6th 6

Statement of the number of Trade Dollars (proof) Struck, each fiscal year since June 30th 1878.

Period	Pieces
1879.	642.
1880.	2.473.
1881.	1.083.
1882.	1.102.
1883.	1.000.
1884.	264.
Total	6.564.

Note. These were all proof pieces.
None were issued for commercial purposes.
The last were coined in December, 1883.

W. S. Steel
Coiner

[illegible]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

January 7th, 1886.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1,631,231.190 fine ounces, together with [illegible] 1,004 [illegible] gross ounces unassayed.

Also the amount of "Treasury" and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases - - - - - - - - 170,[illegible] Fine Ounces.

Domestic and Parted - - - - - - - - 3,077 [illegible] " "

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon. [illegible]

Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C.

[Ed. 10-23-'83—500.]

(36—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 7th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5114, favor Handy & Cronise, for $29,000.—

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

Janry 1st 6

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 29th ult. requesting a statement of the subdivisions of the Bullion Fund from July 1st 1860 to Dec 31st 1911, I beg to state, that on looking over the ledger account during those years, I find that it will be necessary to analyze each balance sheet, sixty six in all. This will be necessarily a slow process, especially so in view of the great pressure of clerical work upon this bureau. I shall however take great pleasure in preparing it, together with the report of coinages requested in a prior letter, and will transmit both without any unavoidable delay.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon L. M. Gordon.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Jany 8th 1886

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith, bill in duplicate for $236.00 being the value of the following dies, viz. Five pair Double Eagle dies, five pair Eagle dies and five pair Half Eagle dies, prepared for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. San Francisco, in conformity with your instructions of Oct 30th 1885.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

(36-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 8th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5115, favor Hardy & Cronier, for $ 47.421.86

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 100]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 1st 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Harman

New York *per letter of advice,*

dated Dec 31st 1885

Invoice Weight,	*ozs.*	101.051.15
Fine Weight	*ozs.*	100.865.46
Value @ 1.0295	*per oz. fine.* $	103.140.13

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent.

7 Jany 6

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:

William G. Buchanan,	Carpenter,	Gen Dpt
Dominick McFadden,	Laborer	" "
Jeremiah Ryan	Watchman	" "
Henry M. Lewis	"	" "
Thomas Benz	"	" "
Thomas Thornton	"	" "
Thomas M. Devine	"	" "
Charles Lindenmeyer	"	" "
Henry C. Waram	Helper,	MR "

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

S. Jany 6

Sir,

I have this day forwarded per Adams Express to the United States Mint, San Francisco the following dies, to complete the requisition for that Mint of Oct 29. 1885. viz:

5 obverse Double Eagle dies Nos 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
5 reverse " " " " 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
5 obverse Eagle " " 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
5 reverse " " " 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
5 obverse Half " " " 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
5 reverse " " " " 7, 8, 9, 10 11

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director the Mint
Washington D.C

Jany 8 1886

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under Sect: 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed Christian G. Kindig of this State Conductor in the General Department of this Mint at $3 per diem — vice William A. [illegible], [illegible] to [illegible] effect on the 13th inst., and ask your approval of the same.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

HCH

9 Jan'y 6

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the following statements for the Calendar year 1885, viz:-

1. The number of Dies furnished to the Coiner of this Mint by the Engraver,

2. The number of dies used by the Coiner; with a certificate of their destruction at the close of the year, under section 3550 of the Revised Statutes.

3. The number and denominations of pieces coined, with the number of dies used in the coinage, and the average production to the pair of dies.

Very respectfully, yr. Obt. Servant

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Statement of the December 31st 1875

Coinage Dies furnished Mint of the United States at Philadelphia during calendar year 1875.

	obverse	reverse	Total
Double Eagle	1	1	2
Eagle	9	8	17
Half Eagle	13	14	27
Three Dollar	1	1	2
Quarter Eagle	1	1	2
One Dollar	3	4	7
Stand. Dollar	57	57	114
Half Dollar	1	1	2
Quarter Dollar	1	1	2
Dime	30	27	57
Five cent Nickel	24	28	52
Three cent Nickel	2	2	4
One cent Bronze	47	47	94
Total	227	217	444

December 31st 6

~~Statement &c~~

Proof-Coin dies furnished the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia during the calendar year 1886.

	Obverse	Reverse	Total
Double Eagle	1	1	2
Eagle	1	1	2
Half Eagle	1	1	2
Three Dollar	1	1	2
Quarter Eagle	1	1	2
One Dollar	1	1	2
Stand. Dollar	2	1	3
Half Dollar	1	1	2
Quarter Dollar	1	1	2
Dime	1	1	2
Five Cent	1	1	2
Three Cent	1	1	2
One Cent	1	1	2
Total	14	13	27

December 31st 5

Continued

Recapitulation

	Obverse	Reverse.	Total.
Coinage Dies	227	217	444
Proof Coin Dies.	14	13	27
Aggregate	241	230	471

Chas E. Leslie
Engraver

December 31st 5

Statement of the number of Dies used at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, during the calendar year 1885, including dies for proof coins.

Dies	Gold							Silver					Minor.				
	Double Eagle	Eagle	Half Eagle	Three Dollar	Quarter Eagle	Dollar	Total	Stand. Dollar	Half Dollar	Quarter Dollar	Dime	Total	Five Cent	Three Cent	One Cent	Total	Grand Total
Obverse	2	10	16	2	2	4	36	89	2	2	31	124	30	3	48	81	241
Reverse	2	9	15	2	2	5	35	88	2	2	28	120	24	3	48	75	230
Total	4	19	31	4	4	9	71	177	4	4	59	244	54	6	96	156	47[illegible]

We certify that these dies were defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, December 31st. 1885, in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer, under Section 3550. Revised Statutes.

[illegible] Superintendent.

W. S. Steel Coiner.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt Assayer.

Statement of the Number and denomination of pieces coined at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, during the calendar year 1885, with the number of dies used in the production, and the average production to the pair of dies.

Denomination	Number of pieces Coined.	Number of dies used			Number of pieces struck per pair of dies used.
		Obverse	Reverse	Total	
Double Eagle	828	2	2	4	414
Eagle	253.527	10	9	19	26.687
Half Eagle	601.306	16	15	31	38.807
Three Dollars	910	2	2	4	455
Quarter Eagle	887	2	2	4	444
Dollar	12.205	4	5	9	2.712
Total Gold.	869.863	36	35	71	24.503

Continued

Statement Continued.

Denomination	Number of Pieces Coined	Number of Dies used			Number of pieces struck per pair of dies used.
		Obverse	Reverse	Total	
Stand. Dollars	1m. 787. 767	89	88	177	200.992
Half Dollars	6.130	2	2	4	3.065
Quarter Dollars	14.530	2	2	4	7.265
Dimes	2.533. 427	31	28	59	85.879
Total Silver	20.341. 854	124	120	244	166. 73m
Five Cents	1.476.490	30	24	54	54. 685
Three Cents	4.790	3	3	6	1. 59m
One Cent	11.765.384	48	48	96	245. 112
Total Minor Coins	13.246.664	81	75	156	169. 829
Recapitulation. Gold	869.863	36	35	71	24. 503
Silver	20. 341.854	124	120	244	166. 757
Minor	13. 246.664	81	75	156	169. 829
Grand Total	34. 458. 381	241	230	471	146. 320

W. E. Steel Coiner

386½ 415

Monday 9th 1886

Hon Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Sir

I have the honor to report that $14000 in Bunes were delivered to the Cashier this morning in addition to $13.000 delivered on the 7th inst, a total of $27.000. for the week which result is in excess of the amount promised by $2000, and in accordance with your instructions I will proceed with this Coinage until all the available bullion for the purpose is used.

Respectfully
Obt Servant
(Signed) W. S. Steel
Coiner

9: Jany 6

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10.000 ounces at this Mint will be $1.01 1/2 per ounce fine

Very respectfully

Superintendent

M. N. J. Cochran
Weigh Clerk

9 Jany 6

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at this Mint will be $1.01½ per ounce fine

Very respectfully

W M Fox

Superintendent

Mr. O. B. Jones
Abstract Clerk

9: Janry 6

Sir,

Your services will not be required in this Mint after this day

Very respectfully
David M Fox
Superintendent

M Edward Vale Jr.
Cabinet

9: January 6

Sir;

Remittance No. 1, from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memo: therein enclosed of the 6th inst.

Very respectfully
[illegible] Fox
Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

Dec 386½

9: January 6

Sir,

I have the hona to report that under the last order for the striking the dimes, the Coiner has delivered, - this morning - to the Cashier Fourteen thousand Dollars, which with Thirteen thousand dollars, just previously finished makes a total of Twenty seven thousand dollars, in dimes.

There is yet a balance of 27223 57/100 ounces of recoinage silver on hand available for the dime coinage but in prosecuting the order this will assuredly be exhausted in a few days. I respectfully suggest that there should be a replenishment of our stock of silver for that

Coinage.

I may further add that there is a small balance of 2266 ℥ of purchased silver on hand which it is expected will be required for the manufacture of subsidiary-Coin-proof sets for the current year, but it is not deemed advisable to use this for the manufacture of dimes without instructions.

A copy of the report of the Coiner, showing the amount struck is hereto appended.

Very respectfully

Mint of the U.S.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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LRC

(36—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 9th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5116, favor Handy & Cronise, for $ 6,194.67

" 5117, " Fourth National Bank, U.S. " $ 26,252.53

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Dan M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

LRB

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 9th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Fourth National Bank. New York. per letter of advice, dated Dec 18th 1885 All delivered prior to Dec 31st 1885.

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	50.734.32
Fine Weight,	ozs.	50.218.02
Value @ 1.0265	per oz. fine, $	51.548.79

Gold parted. $2203.77

Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent.

See 391 -
Duplicate -

9: January 6

Sir

I have the honor to report that under the last order for the striking the dimes the Chiner has delivered this morning - to the Cashier Four thousand dollars, which with Thirteen thousand dollars just previously finished makes a total of Twenty seven thousand dollars in dimes.

There is yet a balance of [illegible] ounces of recoinage silver on hand available for the dime coinage but in prosecuting the order this will assuredly be exhausted in a few days. I respectfully request that there should be a replenishment of our stock of silver for that

Colleague

I may further [illegible] a small balance [illegible] of [illegible] chased silver on hand which it is expected will be required for the manufacture of subsidiary [illegible] for the current year. [illegible] deemed advisable to use this for the manufacture of dimes without [illegible] structure.

A copy of the report of the Bureau, showing the amount struck is hereto appended.

Very respectfully [illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James Pleasant
Director of the Mint
Washington

9: January 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Melter and Refiner's reports of the Gold Melting at this Mint for the months of May, October, and December 1885, with a copy of a communication from that Officer touching the same

Very respectfully
Dan M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

9th January 1886

Sir,

In preparing my Report on the average of gold wastage in making Ingots for Coin, I was astonished to find no returns Reports since the month of April, 1885, altho I had them in my books.

My memory of the subject is that there have been piles of Gold in my vault ever since the more active melting in April last, and that altho we were extremely solicitous to see the space they occupied, yet I cared not, because the call for Gold Ingots ceased, only one being accepted on the 28th May. The other altho ready, and having been prepared in the active Gold melting Period of March and April,

were not called for until October, when I was relieved of two days working on the 1st and 16th October.

Agreeably relieved of a portion of the incumbrance of Gold in my vault, I daily expected further orders for delivery, but received until some time in November, towards the close of the month. Then and from that time, we prepared the Gold, which was delivered as fast as prepared at six different periods in December, amounting to nearly a half million of ounces, or about $9.000,000, in Ingots which would make about $4.500,000 in coin, the remaining half being Clippings.

The main object in presenting these Reports, which I suggested, and carried out many years since, was to show the tolerable uniformity of wastage on a large scale, by a comparison of many meltings, and their percentages of waste, as determined within a week, more or less, of the last melting on the Report. They are of no value in the case of one or even of two meltings, because

these may vary too far from a fair stand
and, altho they may be part of a series
of good meltings, and show, with others,
a good general average. They are not
intended to show the amount of work done
in the Melting Department, for the legal
and official Statement of work done is
the Report of the amount of Ingots trans-
ferred to the Coiner, at given dates. They
show by the uniformity of the apparent
percentage of waste the excellence or
faults of melting, as the case may be.

Moreover the wastages given in these
Reports are not actual wastages, for the
Monthly collection of grains, often from
5l to 20l oz, the Assay Slips of every
melt and the general sweep of the Year
form a large part of the apparent
daily wastages, and diminish them.
They are only designed to give the
Superintendent and the Melter & Refiner
a fair view of the working of the

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M & R. Department.

Very respectfully
(Signed) Jas. C. Scott
M & R.

Hon. D. M. Fox
Superintendent

9: January 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statements of Deposits & Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion; of Gold & Silver of Domestic production; and Bars Manufactured for October, November, & December 1885

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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9 Jany 6

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that under Sect. 3804 Revised Statutes I have appointed J Hall Oliver, Miscellaneous Clerk in the General Department of this Mint - vice Edward Walsh "Cabinet" removed - @ $3 per diem, to date from confirmation, and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
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January 9th 6

Sir,

In my predecessor's Letter of the 27th June last, to the Director of the Mint, submitting for approval his awards upon the proposals for supplies for the current fiscal year, an award of Crucibles was delayed, for the reasons stated, until the Melter & Refiner could make a trial of the crucibles offered by the different parties who had put in proposals to furnish them.

These trials were duly made, and on the 30th of September last the Melter & Refiner made his report of the result, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, advising me that the black-lead crucibles made by John A. Taylor are the only ones

really fit, in his judgment, for Mint use in melting Coinage metals. In pursuance of this report, which under the circumstances seemed to be sufficient for my guidance, supplies of crucibles, covers and Stirrers for present use, were purchased of Mr. Taylor, at the prices specified in his proposal, which were as follows, viz.

Black lead Crucibles	3½ cents	per number
" " Covers	1 "	" "
" " Stirrers	50 "	each.

Through an inadvertance this proposal it seems had not been reported to you, subsequent to and in connection with the Melter & Refiners report. In preparing to forward it to you, it was discovered that H. A. Ross & Co. who had submitted proposals, had not furnished crucibles for trial. They were at once notified and in reply promised to do so, but as nearly two months have elapsed and the Crucibles have not made their ap-

pearance, it does not seem to be advisable to wait any longer. I therefore respectfully submit Mr. Taylors proposal, and my action under it, for your approval.

The other proposals were as follows, viz.

A. Newkumet & Co	Philad.
Crucibles	2¼¢ per No.
Covers	25¢ a piece
Stirrers	25¢ "
Phoenix Manufacturing.	Taunton Mas.
Crucibles	3¢ per No.
Covers	1¢ " "
Stirrers	25¢ each
R. B. Seidel	Philad.
Crucibles	2½¢ per No.
Covers	1 " " "
Stirrers	20 " each
H. A Ross & Co.	Philad.
Crucibles	$1.65 each
Covers	25¢ "
Stirrers	25¢ "
J Dixon & Co	Jersey City. N. J.
No proposal	Submitted.

I do not discuss the question of relative prices, because under the heavy and unlifting pressure upon this Mint for coinage, quality and reliability under any service required, are of the first importance, and the competitive trial and its results would seem to be conclusive on the main point.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

Ex. 1
E.M.Jr. (Lecture)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,
Philadelphia, 30 September, 1836

Sir,

I have experimented on the Black Lead Crucibles to determine their infusibility and unalterability, when exposed to the highest heat demanded by the operations of the U.S. Mint, with the following results.

We melt Gold, Silver, Copper and the 5 cent alloy, the three former requiring a full red heat, and the 5 cent alloy a white heat for melting.

To make an alloy of two metals I find it necessary to employ a little higher heat than for melting the alloy, when once made. In making the 5 cent alloy of nickel and copper, complete alloyage is only effected with certainty by maintaining the crucible at a full white heat for some time, say an hour or two.

Since we sometimes have to make the nickel alloy for the [illegible] cent pieces, it is essen[illegible] have that

lead crucibles that will withstand a full white heat without melting, and since such crucibles will better endure the more moderate, but still high heat, required for melting gold and silver alloys. I employ such crucibles altogether for melting in the Mint, as most effective and economical. They must resist a full white heat for some time after repeated meltings, to be adapted to Mint work.

The following are the results of my experimental meltings with the crucibles submitted by five different firms or persons; by Ten Eyck, Seidel and Taylor of Philadelphia, - by the J. Dixon Co. of Jersey City - and from Taunton, Massachusetts.

Each crucible was used for two days, making two melts in it each day (or 4 melts altogether) except when it began to yield by softening or melting.

The effect of the fire is best and surest observed on the outside of the crucible, between 2 and 4 inches from the bottom, which is the zone of the hest heat.

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The quantity of 5 cent alloy melted each time was about 150 lbs.

Kerkumet. One crucible stood nearly three melts, then melted a hole in the side out of which nearly all the metal flowed. The other crucible began to melt in zone of highest heat in the 4th melt.

Taunton Mass. One pot showed a tendency to melt in the heat-zone, and was removed from the fire to prevent the metal flowing out in the 3d. melt. The other crucible withstood melting during 4 heats, except that it yielded at last in one place in the zone of highest heat. ?

Dixon. The two pots stood 4 heats tolerably well, slightly melting and flowing around the zone of highest heat; and one of them melting out rather deeply at one point.

Seidel. Both crucibles began to soften a little in the 4th. melt, and showed only the slightest tendency to melt in the zone of the hightest heat, except

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on one spot where it flowed a little.

Taylor. Neither of these two pots showed the slightest tendency to melt or even to soften, and at the close of the experiment with the 2d pot on the 2d day, it was heated up to a point of intense whiteness, and maintained at that for more than an hour without the slightest tendency even to soften.

It is clear from the above statement that the Black Lead Crucible of Taylor are the most infusible and unalterable, and therefore best adapted to our use in the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia

The crucibles of Seidel and Dixon are good, but not quite as resisting to heat as the preceding. They could not be used for the 5 cent alloy, altho they might be for gold and silver alloys.

The crucibles from Jaunton are rather inferior to the last (Dixon & Seidel). Those of Newkomet are inferior to the last.

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Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt
(Signed) Jas E. Booth
M. of R.

Hon. Q. M. Dept.
Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 11th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co Argo. Col per letter of advice, dated Dec 31st 1885 All delivered during the present month.

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	36.786.00
Fine Weight,	ozs.	36.721.75
Value @ 1.0288	per oz. fine, $	37.779.36

[signature]

Superintendent.

(26—4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 11th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5118, favor Fourth National Bank, N.Y. etc., for $ 37,779.34

" 5119, " Handy & Cronise " $ 40,000.—

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York

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11: Janᵧ 6

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under Section 3507 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Frederick L. Herring, "Shipping Clerk" in the General Department of this Mint @ $3²⁵/₁₀₀ per diem – this being a transfer from the Melter & Refiner's Department and from the position of Deposit Melter thereof – to date from Confirmation, and submit the same for approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

12: Jany 6

Sir;

I have the hona to transmit the oath of office of Henry Opper, recently appointed "machinist in the Piners Department" of this Mint.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12 Jan'y 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memos. Nos. 23 (and) 24 of Gold Bullion, being for remittances received from the U. S. Mint Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 12th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Handy & Kraise New York. per letter of advice, dated Jany 5th 1886.

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	150.828.14
Fine Weight,	ozs.	150.504.56
Value @ 1.0245	per oz. fine, $	154.191.92

Wm McFox
Superintendent

LRbo

(88- A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 12th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 5120, favor Handy & Cronise, for $ 3,212.00

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Rev. 1/8-85. 1000)

January 12th 6

Sir,

I herewith forward Mem. No. 69. of Gold Bullion on Government account, received on the 9th inst. from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

H.C.A.

January 12th 6

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward duplicate Mems. Nos. 23 and 24 of Gold Bullion on Government account, received from your office on the 4th inst, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Posey S. Wilson, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sent

January 12th 6

Sir

I herewith forward Memo. No. 69. in duplicate, of Gold Bullion on Government account, received from your Office on the 9th inst. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Robert P. Maring, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

January 12th 6

Sir,

Shipment No. 2 of Gold Bullion, Specified in your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

Very Respectfully

Dan M Fox

Superintendent

Robt. P. Waring, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

HCH

January 12th 6

Sir,

The sealed box by express, specified in your letter of the 8th inst. and said to contain the annual assay coins from your Mint for the 4th Quarter, 1885, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. G. Montegut,
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans
La.

HCH

January 12th 6

Sir,

Shipment No. 32, of Gold Bullion on Government account, specified in your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

Very Respectfully
Dan H Fox
Superintendent

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis
Mo.

Cancelled

11: Jany 6

Sir;

Upon deliberation I have deemed it advisable to submit a partial list of changes in the titles of positions held by various employés of this Mint specified in the accompanying list and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

The new designations are more specific and accord better with the work performed

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

General Department

Walter E. Penrose	from	Assistant	to	Correspondence Clerk
Moses F. Lobo	"	"	"	Stenographer
John C. Hunterson	"	Cabinet	"	Roll Clerk
Marcellus Cone	"	"	"	Bookkeeper's Clerk
[illegible]	"	"	"	Miscellaneous "
R. A. McClure	"	"	"	Curator of Cabinet
Edward L. Royal	"	Assistant	"	Assistant Curator
David A. Wertz	"	Conductor	"	Abstract Clerk's Assistant
Jabin B. Baldwin	"	Assistant	"	Weigh Clerk's "
Thos. J. Gibson	"	Laborer	"	Special Officer
Wm. J. McComas	"	Assistant	"	Storekeeper
George T. Heilig	"	Laborer	"	Chief Carpenter's Assistant
Joshua D. Chase	"	"	"	Machinist's "
[illegible] J. Connor	"	Helper	"	Laborer
Gustav [illegible]	"	Laborer	"	Engineer's Assistant
Jacob J. Klaupp	"	Laborer	"	Night Fireman

Rowe K. Elliott	from	Laborer	to	Night Fireman	
Emanuel Herron	"	"	"	Day	"
Peter Hopkins	"	"	"	"	"

Assay Department

Wm. McArtire	from	3rd. Asst Weigher	to	2nd Asst Assayer	
Alvin M. S. Brinkle	"	Assistant	"	Weigher's Assistant	
Eugene H. Flinn	"	Helper	"	Workman	

(36—a.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 15th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5121, favor Handy & Bronier, for $ 10,000.00

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Eo. 7-25-85. 2000]

January 13th 6

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Refinery operations for the month of September, 1885.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 13th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit the Melter & Refiners Statement of Silver Bullion at this Mint during the month of December, 1885, and as it is an exceptionally creditable exhibit, I also forward a copy of that Officers comments upon that months work, both of which I am sure you will appreciate.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13. January 6

Sir;

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 11th inst. asking the nature of the identification of the hand writing of an anonymous note signed "Democrat", and an employe under Col. Snowden" received by you and forwarded to me: and also enclosure, a letter from Mr. Edward Walsh Jr. addressed to you.

Upon my receipt of the anonymous communication, it seemed to me to be a hand that I had seen before but I could not recognise it on the spur of the moment. I submitted the paper to a number of the officers here without

the mention of any one's name and those who were most familiar with the Wali's writing, of their own volition pronounced it to be his. In order to be accurate and do no one any injustice, I required his Registry to be submitted to me — that is, the book in which he registered all official correspondence with the nature of the contents of each letter. I then called a number of the officers of the institution and without mention of the name, I asked them to compare the handwriting and say whether they could identify it. Every one of them concurred that the hand that wrote the one, wrote the other.

I afterwards learned that a

portion of the subject matter, contained in the paper to wit:- that complaining of what it called the dockage from salary when absent even by permission, had been a matter of criticism on the part of Mr Wales. He had even gone so far as to say that the Director ought to be written to on the subject. I also have the tablet which Mr. Wales left on his desk and on which he endorsed his name. The paper upon it is of the same size texture and color as that of the anonymous communication. These are the principal reasons that lead me inevitably to conclude that he had written the letter. I am very sure were you personally to make comparison between the anonymous communication

and the Register - or even the letter which you received from him - you would come to the same conclusion.

I may add I received a very impertinent letter from Mr Wolcott in which he used very unbecoming language.

I need hardly say that charged with the responsibilities of this institution, there is a solemn obligation resting upon me to exercise the best judgment I possess, regarding the fitness of those who occupy positions in this Mint and in the exercise of that judgment I hold I am accountable to the Department only.

Enclosed please find the letter

of Mr. Walsh to yourself, returned as you desire

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Rand McFee
Superintendent

Hon James Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 14th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 5122, favor Clark, Dodge & Co., for $ 39.157.44

" 5123, " Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y., " $ 8.087.06

" 5124, " Handy & Cronise, " $ 5.215.55

" ", " ", " $ ",

" ", " ", " $ ",

" ", " ", " $ ",

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[En. 7-28-85. 1909]

Philada. Inst.
1st No 14th

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12th No 31st 1885.

recepting that Check No 8054. for $80000 issued 11/30th in favor of the Adams Express Co. for payment of transportation charges, is not entered. And the sum of $1,000,000 to my credit, notice of which was under date of the 31st ult. was not received here until the 2d inst.

[signature]

Sup't.

January 14th 6

Sir

The Scheadule of supplies that must be needed during the current fiscal year, that was furnished for the information of parties Submitting proposals, Specifoid Crucibles, Covers and ~~Stools~~, but did not mention Stools, rings, and dipping cups.

The Melter and Refiner has made a requestion upon me for a supply of the three latter articles, of which no award or contract was made; and Mr. John A. Taylor proposes to furnish them at the respective prices heretofore charged, and that he charges other Mints &c.

Stools .70 cents each

Rings (for No. 70 pots) 82 " "

Dipping Cups (of all sizes) 50 cents each.

As it is desirable that those articles should be of the same quality as the crucibles, covers and stirrers, and of the same manufacture, to insure reliability under pressure of work, I have accepted his offer (herewith enclosed) and respectfully submit this award, for the remainder of the present fiscal year, for your approval.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

HCH

January 14th 6

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 13th inst. in behalf of Mess. Brown, Brothers & Co., I beg to state that I can forward to you at New York,

$2.500 in halves
$2.500 " quarters, and
$1.500 " dimes;

but it is not in my power to furnish any one cent pieces or five cent nickels.

Very Respectfully
Saml M Fox
Superintendent.

Hon. C. N. Jordan
Treasurer U. S.
New York

(now at)

January 14th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit Statements of Refinery Operations during the Months of October & November, 1885, respectively.

Very Respectfully
Dan'l M Fox
Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

Entered in Coiner's department
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14. January 6

Dear Sir;

I have yours of the 13th inst. in regard to your Sister Mrs. C. Van Cleve's bond matter.

You need not be in a hurry in regard doing it, as there will be no displacements in any case, because of inability to furnish the necessary bond. The truth is I look upon the bond System as calculated to improve the morale of the institution which is as important as the obligation itself - if not more so.

I will await your convenience with pleasure.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

W. A. Vermilye Esq
Office Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York
N.Y.

January 14th 6

Sir,

The copper one cent piece of 1820, enclosed in your letter of the 13th inst. — and herewith returned is pronounced — by the Engraver and Coiner and other Experts of the Mint, to be a genuine coin.

Very Respectfully
D Mint
Superintendent

Andrew L. Drummond, Esq
of Secret Service
P. O. Lock Box No. 19,
New York
N. Y.

15: January 6

Sir

I have the honor to enclose vouchers No. 96 of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15. January 6

Sir;

In reply to your inquiry of the 14th inst. I have the honor to state that the amount of gold coin, by denominations, now held in this Mint (as a bullion fund for the payment of Depositors) is as follows;—viz:

Eagles	$1,136,970.
Half Eagles	1,232,325
Three Dollars	142,238
Quarter Eagles	1715.
Dollars	4,691.
	$2,516,634

In addition to the above we have on hand fourteen gold proof sets of 1865.

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amounting to $351.-

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: A. T. Jordan

Treasurer United States

(now at) New York

N.Y.

January 15th 6

Dear Sir,

In return for your Treasury draft for $20. I herewith send you one Eagle and two half Eagles of the coinage of 1865, as requested in your letter of the 11th inst.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department
Washington,
D.C.

F.M.D.

Jany 15th 6.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to days mail, my a/c of Ordinary, Refining Old Silver Dollar Coinage & Old Silver Dollar Storage expenses for the month of December 1885.

I am

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon: Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15. Jany 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 96 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 2, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo. of 9th inst.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 15th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Harman

New York.

per Letter of advice

dated January 12th 1886

Fine Weight	oz.	50.521.55	
Fine Weight	oz.	50.444.60	
Price @	1.02	per oz. fine, $	51.456.55

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

[illegible] 188[illegible]

Gentlemen.

I enclose check No 5127 to your order for [illegible]
thousand four hundred and [illegible]
8.428.37

[illegible]

I am very [illegible]

[illegible]
Superintendent

Fourth No [illegible]

Asst Treas. U.S.N.Y.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jany 15th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Clark, Hodge & Co New York. per letter of advice, dated Jany 5th 1886

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	49.911.10
Fine Weight,	ozs.	49.825.42
Value @ 1.0245	per oz. fine, $	51.046.14

[signature]

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States of Philadelphia

Jany 15th 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check

No. 5125	favor	Handy & Cowiner	for $	16.241.00
5126	"	Clark, Dodge & Co.	" $	11.888.48
5127	"	Fourth National Bank N.Y.	" $	8.428.37
			" $	
			" $	
			" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

Philadelphia
31 December 5

31st

December 5

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H. L. Cochran

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 16th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5178, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y., for $ 2553.08/100

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 7-28-85. 1000]

16. Jany 6

Sir,

Your telegram asking certain fractional silver to be forwarded to Brown Bro. & Co. was received yesterday after the Express Company's Messenger had left the building - and too late for shipment.

By this morning's mail I received your letter making the telegram official. On a comparison between the two it was discovered that there was an imperfection in the Cypher. This, appeared to call for One hundred Dollars in fractional Silver Coin: The letter received this morning fixes it as $6500 fractional Silver. We interpreted the cypher to mean that the "2665" was

continuous word, and would be the number of the order, instead of that, we see now it was "26".

I am very glad the letter was received before I was enabled to ship the coin as under the circumstances an error has been prevented

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. C. N. Jordan
Treasurer United States
(now at) New York
N.Y.

16. Jany 6

My dear Sir;

I have the pleasure to receive per Express Company your esteemed favor of yesterday with enclosure of $10 00/ in gold and requesting a return for the same in one dollar gold pieces.

I accede to your request with great pleasure and this day ship you the one dollar pieces by Adams Express: and expect you will receive them on the day this comes to you

With best wishes for your health and kindest regards

I am very truly yours

[illegible]

R. E. Preston Esq
c/o Mint Bureau
Washington
D.C.

16: Jany 6

Dear Sir

I have the honor to repat that all the Silver bullion on hand available for the purpose has been Coined into dimes, producing $60.870 or 608.700 peices.

So far this month, there have been $68.000 Standard Silver dollars coined - making a total of dimes and dollars for the month of 1.476.700 peices

Accompanying this, please find copy of Comer's report on the subject

Very respectfully

Your Obt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Coiner's Department.
January 16th 1866

Hon. Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the delivery of $21,870, in Dimes to the Cashier this morning; total for the week $33,870,— a coinage of Dimes to this date of the month of $60,870, making 608,700 Dimes. There has also been delivered 868,000 Standard Silver dollars; a grand total to this date of 1476,700 pieces.

All available bullion for the manufacture of Dimes has now been coined.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Signed) W. S. Steel
Coiner

January 16th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit the following Statements for the 4th Quarter of the Calendar Year 1885 viz,

1 Coiners Report of Gold proof coins
2. " " " Silver " "
3. " " " Fine Gold Medals of a National Character.
4. " " " Fine Silver Medals of a National Character.
5. " " " Copper Bronze Medals of a National Character.
6. " " " Fine and Standard Gold & Silver Bullion used for Medals.

7. Corners Report of Copper used for Bronze Medals.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

No 4

January 16th 6

Sir

I herewith transmit Mem. No. 103. of Gold Bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D. C.

January 16th 6

Sir,

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date No. 6476, in my name, from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in this City, for $565= on account of the Medal Fund.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 16th 6

Sir.

I herewith transmit Mem. No. 10, in duplicate, of Gold Bullion from your Office, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent.

Elliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

18 Janᵧ 6

Sir

In compliance with the direction contained in your letter of Janᵧ 15th inst. to transmit the anonymous Communication "and other specimens of McWalt's penmanship", I beg to say that I send

1 The anonymous communication;
2 The official ("To") Register of Correspondence, kept by him;
3 His application for increase of pay dated Aug 28. 1885;
4 His letter to me dated Janᵧ 11. 1886, with envelope;
5 And beg to refer you also to the following

papers on file in your office in his hand-
writing:-

a. Copies of all the letters concerning the Ajax press accompanying my letter of 14 Aug 1885;
b. letter of Sep. 8. 85 sending a sample leaf of "form 184";
c. letter of Sep 12. 85 asking for large size penalty envelopes;
d. letter of Sep. 13 1885 asking for a further supply of form 135;
e. letter of Sep. 17 '85 Concerning Mexican Nickel Coins;
f. letter of Sep 19th. transmitting Certain statements for July;
g. letter of Sep 23 '85 asking for bill heads for Engraver;

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h. Copy of letter from Cashier concerning resumption of minor coinage, accompanying letter of Sep: 24: 1885

i. Copy of letter from Coiner concerning "face cutting machine" accompanying letter of Oct. 31. 1885

j. Copy of letter from Curator of Cabinet concerning American Half Eagle of 1815 accompanying my letter of Nov. 11 1885

I have to request that you will return the Register and other papers at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Supervintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director the Mint
Washington D.C.

Note. Our Register, I need not say, is needed for constant reference; you will please therefore return it as soon as possible.

18. Jany 6

My dear Sir

I have the hono to receive yours of the 9th inst. touching the appointment of Miss Mary Reagan to a position in this institution.

Of course connected with the Mint Bureau as you are, you will be able to see by reference to the record that the ladies department here is full.

The sentiment of the administration seems to be that ladies are not in a political sense "offensive partisans" - besides, among those who are here, there are many - very many - who come of Democratic families and

have been here without change even when one administration has succeeded another, and paying some respect to that precedent, I have not so far seen my way open to displace any one.

I therefore am obliged to look for vacancies only from natural causes, and whilst there is some copying at times for which I draw upon the clerks there is hardly enough to justify an appointment for regular work in that line

I would be glad to oblige you and will hold the matter in mind

I am very truly yours

D. Webster

Mr. J. P. Goods
Collects Bureau
Washington D.C.

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Ref

January 18th 6

Sir,

Fifty Statements Silver purchases and deliveries. No. 233, Specified in your letter of the 14th inst. have been received.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sir.

January 18th 6

I forward to your Office by to days mail, the "Register of Gold and Silver deposits, and Silver purchases" for the Quarter ending December 31st 1885.

You will observe that the last 16 pages are loose sheets inserted to complete the record of Silver purchases. I will thank you to forward me 100 loose sheets "Form 188, Register of Silver Bullion purchased at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia," for similar use hereafters We have none on hand.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Ret

January 20th 6

Sir,

I herewith forward Statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion for the months of October, November and December, 1885, respectively, made out in accordance with the directions contained in your letter of the 18th instant.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

19th Jany 6

Sir;

Remittance No. 4 of Gold Bullion from your office, has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st Decr 1885

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

N. F. Wilday Esq

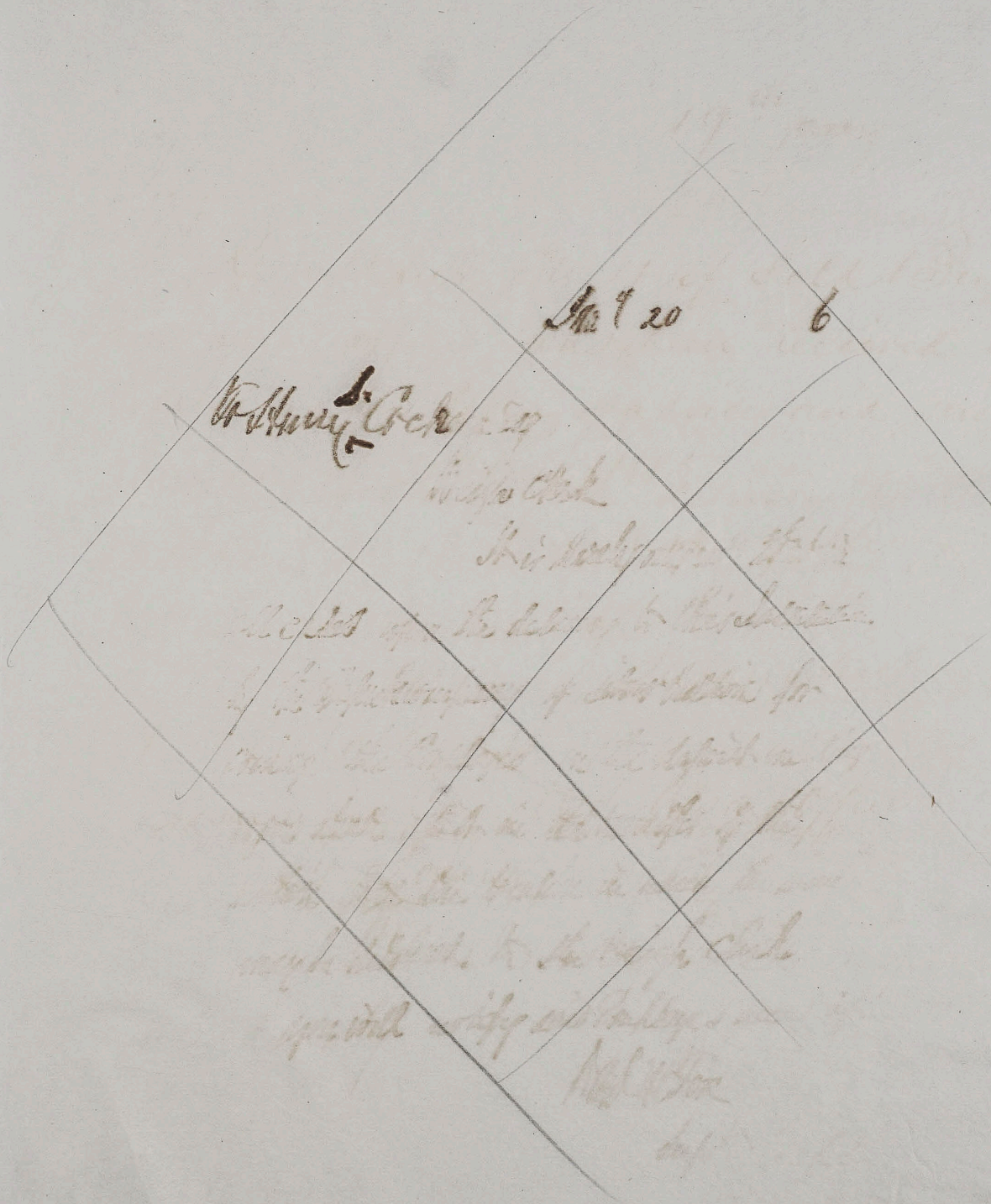
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office

~~St. Louis~~

~~Mo.~~

Boise City

Idaho



20 January 6

To Henry S. Cochrane Esq.
Weigh Clerk

It is hereby ordered that in all cases, upon the delivery to the Institution by the Express Company of silver bullion for Coinage the Employés in the deposit melting room shall assist in the transfer of the bullion from the location in which the same may be delivered to the Weigh Clerk.

You will notify said employés accordingly

D M Fox
Supt

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 20th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Handy & Harman

New York per letter of advice,

dated January 19th 1886

Parcel's Weight,	ozs.	49.114.40
Fine Weight,	ozs.	49.035.50
Value @ 1.0320	per oz. fine, $	50.604.64

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

January 20th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Clark, Dodge & Co New York *per letter of advice, dated* January 12th 1886

Invoice Weight,	*ozs.*	102.732.10
Fine Weight,	*ozs.*	102.516.09
Value @ 1.02	*per oz. fine,*	$ 104.627.61

Superintendent.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 20th, 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check

No. 5129, favor Clark, Dodge & Co., for $104.629.61
5130, " Fourth National Bank, N.Y. $35.346.95
5131 Handy & Harman. $50.604.64
$
$
$

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Ed. 26-35. 1900]

21. Jany 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 145 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City to be transferred to the bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball Esq
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: Jany 6

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. asking for the correct given name of "Devine" appointed Watchman on the 2nd. inst

In my letter of the 30th July, I apologised for a clerical error, and explained that in names there were sometimes unavoidable and were only discovered on the presentation of the oaths by the Appointees This is attributable to the fact that previous information is imperfect – as was the case in the present instance.

The correct given name of Cth. Devine, is "Thomas M," as it appears in his

oath, signed by him.

In the future, any discrepancies between the names, as appointed, and the signatures on the oaths, will be noted.

Regretting the trouble this error has occasioned

I am very respectfully yours

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21 January 5

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No 145 in duplicate of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 4 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memo: of 31st Dec.r

Very respectfully

Superintendent

N. F. Wild Esq.
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

Jany 21st 6

Sir,

I return this day by Adams Express, my Pullman account for the 3d quarter 1866, with the amendments made as directed in your letter of 19th inst.

Very Respectfully

Saml M. Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. R. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

(Fin. T)

Mint of the United States Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Jany 21st 6.

I have the honor to report that the approximate amount of "Silver Bullion Purchased for Standard Silver Dollars" on hand at the close of business this day is 1.537.341.426 fine ounces together with 932 Local gross ounces unassayed.

"Silver" amount of [illegible] and "Domestic Purchases" and "Parted Silver" received during the month, and assayed, to date, to be as follows, viz:

Treasury Purchases	700.444.431	Fine Ounces
Domestic and Parted	19.279.935	" "
Bullion paid for [illegible]	56.426.245	" "

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

Jas R Kimball

Superintendent

Hon. [illegible]

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

January 22nd 6

Sir,

Instead of Reporting for duty at the proper hour, 8 o'clock in the Morning, I find that during the last four days, only 68, 64, 63, and to-day 54 employes arrived on time, the others being from 5 to 35 Minutes late. This is inadmissable; and you will please give notice that a continuance of the tardiness will incur the marked displeasure of the Superintendent.

Further, there must be no lounging in the corridors; and as callers in [illegible]king hours are equally objectionable, Employes will not leave their

work to receive visitors without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent.

Respectfully

Superintendent

William S. Steel, Esq
Coiner.

January 22nd 6

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Respectfully

Superintendent

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

January 21st 6.

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work to receive visitors without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Charles E. Barber, Esq
Engraver.

January 22nd 6

Sir,

The original Statements of Deposits and Purchases for October, November and December 1865, called for in your letter of the 21st inst. are herewith returned, in accordance with your request. The amended Statements sent you are the correct ones.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Wm. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

January 22nd 6

Sir,

Instead of reporting for duty at the proper hour, 8 O'clock in the Morning, I find that during the last four days, only 68, 64, 63, and to-day 54 employes arrived on time, the others being from 5 to 35 minutes late. This is inadmissable; and you will please give notice that a continuance of this tardiness will incur the marked displeasure of the Superintendent.

Further, there must be no lounging in the corridors; and as callers in working hours are equally objectionable, Employes will not have their

work to receive visitors without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

Jacob R. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Assayer.